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1           [There was no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. IF I COULD ASK EVERYONE TO  
7   PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEATS, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S  
8   MEETING. THIS MORNING, OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE  
9   REVEREND CARLTON RHODEN, SENIOR MINISTER AT FIRST BAPTIST  
10  CHURCH. OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY  
11  JOE ROMO, SERVICE OFFICER WITH THE CULVER CITY AMVETS. WOULD  
12  YOU ALL PLEASE STAND? REVEREND?

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14  **REV. CARLTON RHODEN:** HOLY ONE, WE GATHER TOGETHER HERE TODAY  
15  INTENT ON DOING GOOD WORK. WE SEEK TO REPRESENT FAIRLY AND  
16  WELL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN US THIS TASK. ALMIGHTY, MAY WE  
17  BECOME AT ALL TIMES BOTH NOW AND FOREVER A PROTECTOR FOR THOSE  
18  WITHOUT PROTECTION, A GUIDE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY,  
19  A SHIP FOR THOSE WITH OCEANS TO CROSS, A BRIDGE FOR THOSE WITH  
20  RIVERS TO CROSS, A SANCTUARY FOR THOSE IN DANGER, A LAMP FOR  
21  THOSE WITHOUT LIGHT, A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR THOSE WHO LACK  
22  SHELTER, AND A SERVANT TO ALL IN NEED. MAY OUR EFFORTS BE  
23  BLESSED WITH INSIGHT, GUIDED BY UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM. WE  
24  SEEK TO SERVE WITH RESPECT FOR ALL. MAY OUR PERSONAL FAITHS  
25  GIVE US STRENGTH TO ACT HONESTLY AND WELL. REMIND US THAT WE



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1 MEET TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, TO USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY AND  
2 WELL, TO REPRESENT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FAIRLY, TO  
3 MAKE DECISIONS THAT PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD. WE RECOGNIZE OUR  
4 RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PAST AND TO THE FUTURE AND THE RIGHTS  
5 AND NEEDS OF BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY AS TRUSTED SERVANTS  
6 WE SEEK BLESSINGS ON OUR DELIBERATIONS AND ON OUR EFFORTS HERE  
7 TODAY. MAY WE ACT WISELY AND WELL. BLESS US, ALMIGHTY. SHALOM  
8 AND AMEN.

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10 **JOE ROMO:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER  
11 YOUR HEARTS AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
12 RECITED.] SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND  
15 COLLEAGUES. I'M PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO SOME AND PRESENT TO  
16 OTHERS THE REVEREND CARLTON RHODEN WHO SERVES AS PASTOR OF THE  
17 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES. AND HE HAS DONE SO SINCE  
18 2006. THIS IS A CONGREGATION WITH A HISTORY OF 130 YEARS.  
19 PASTOR RHODEN IS A GRADUATE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY  
20 OF THE WEST IN BERKELEY AND UPON HIS GRADUATION HE RECEIVED  
21 THE J. ALFRED SMITH, SENIOR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MINISTRY IN  
22 THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCH. DURING HIS TIME IN THE BAY AREA,  
23 HE WAS ACTIVE WITH OAKLAND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND KNOWN  
24 THROUGHOUT THE NATION FOR HIS WORK IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND  
25 THE WORK OF EMPOWERMENT. HE IS MARRIED TO NICKY, AND THEY HAVE





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1 TWO CHILDREN. AND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PASTOR RHODEN, THAT WE THANK YOU FOR  
3 YOUR INVOCATION TODAY AND WE WISH YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE A  
6 PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JOE ROMO. HE  
7 RESIDES IN MONTEREY PARK AND IN IS A SERVICE OFFICER WITH  
8 AMVETS POST IN CULVER CITY. HE IS SEEING THE YOUNG MEN AND  
9 WOMEN COMING BACK FROM IRAQ. HE HAS SERVED AS STAFF SERGEANT  
10 WENT THE ALPHA TEAM, AIR FORCE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES  
11 AIR FORCE IN 1970 TO 1974 IN VIETNAM. HIS IMPRESSIVE  
12 DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE U.S. AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD  
13 WITH THREE CLUSTERS, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, A  
14 VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND A VIETNAM SERVICE RIBBON WITH TWO  
15 BRONZE STARS. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US HERE, BUT  
16 ALSO YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
17 [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF I COULD HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE  
20 OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
23 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC  
24 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8. ON THESE ITEMS, WE WILL HOLD FOR  
25 THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD



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1 OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM NO. 9, THIS  
2 INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA  
3 AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
4 THIS ITEM. ITEM NO. 10 THROUGH 13 ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY  
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF  
8 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
11 ITEMS 14 THROUGH 21. ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
12 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
13 NO. 15, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO  
16 AUGUST 10TH, 2010.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** TENTH?

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. ON ITEM NO. 20, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
21 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
22 AUGUST 3RD, 2010. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
23 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY  
2   SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF  
3   THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 22, WE WILL HOLD  
6   FOR A DISCUSSION. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH  
7   WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
8   INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 23-A.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED  
11   BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 23-B, THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN  
14   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. ON PAGE 14,  
15   NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS-3, WHICH WAS POSTED ON  
16   THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
17   THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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19   **SUP. KNABE:** CS-3?

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21   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. THAT WAS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
22   AGENDA. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
23   SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
24   NO. 3.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PREPTATIONS  
2   THIS MORNING? AND OF COURSE YOURS IS NOT HERE TODAY. SO  
3   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF MY HONOREES IS NOT HERE YET BUT LET ME  
6   BRING UP ANNIE HUANG AND COMMIT HER FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS  
7   AS SERVING AS MY COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
8   PROCEDURES, RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO, SHE RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE  
9   FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. SHE CURRENTLY  
10   PRACTICES LAW IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AS A MEMBER, SHE WAS  
11   ENTRUSTED WITH RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
12   THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ON CHANGES IN  
13   IMPROVING OUR JUDICIAL MINISTRATION AND REDUCE CASELOADS AND  
14   DELAYS. AND IN ADDITION TO HER SERVICE ON THE COMMISSION,  
15   SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR, PHI ALPHA DELTA, THE  
16   CALIFORNIA STATE BAR AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHINESE  
17   LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LITTLE KATIE, WHO IS A LONG HAIR DOCKSY  
20   CHIHUAHUA AND SOMEBODY ELSE, MAYBE. HOW ARE YOU DOING? SHE'S  
21   LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S 10 MONTHS OLD. YOU CAN ADOPT HER BY  
22   CALLING 562-728-4644. VERY LOVEABLE. LITTLE FRENCH IN HER. HOW  
23   ABOUT IT MARK, HUH? OKAY. WE'LL GIVE IT TO ZEV, THEN. I HAD  
24   ONE MORE COMMISSIONER BUT HE HASN'T ARRIVED YET.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. EACH YEAR, OUR BOARD  
2    JOINS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF  
3    AUGUST AS "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH." THIS YEAR'S THEME  
4    IS "A CHANCE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE." AND TODAY THE BOARD IS  
5    PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS  
6    THEY PREPARE TO KICK OFF ANOTHER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT  
7    OF ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. JOINING US TODAY IS OUR  
8    DIRECTOR, STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DAVENPORT,  
9    ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY RITA FIGUEROA AND MEMBERS OF OTHER  
10   STAFF, I GUESS THEY'RE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE. THEY'RE OUT THERE  
11   VERY PROUDLY TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] THIS DEPARTMENT, OUR CHILD  
12   SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS THE LARGEST LOCALLY  
13   ADMINISTERED CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY IN THE NATION. WE PROVIDE  
14   TIMELY, ACCURATE AND RESPONSIBLE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, WHICH  
15   IN TURN IMPROVES THE LIFE AND THE QUALITY OF CHILDREN AND  
16   FAMILIES. OUR DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS MANAGE OVER 414,000,  
17   AMAZING NUMBER OF CASES, EACH YEAR AND APPROXIMATELY OVER \$470  
18   MILLION IN CHILD SUPPORT IS COLLECTED ANNUALLY. THE DEPARTMENT  
19   HAS EFFECTIVELY STREAMLINED AND ENHANCED ITS CASE MANAGEMENT  
20   PROCESS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF COLLECTED FUND, WHICH  
21   GREATLY AIDS CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES WHO WE SERVE. SO  
22   FAR THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ACHIEVED THE HIGHEST CHILD  
23   SUPPORT COLLECTION RATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE ENTIRE  
24   DEPARTMENT. AND DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, A ROBUST COUNTY-  
25   WIDE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE



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1 COUNTY'S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE VITAL SUPPORT AND  
2 ASSISTANCE. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THIS DEPARTMENT AND ITS  
3 TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS. ANY OF US WHO RECEIVED THOSE PHONE  
4 CALLS FROM ANGUISHED PARENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS REALLY HAVE TO  
5 REFER THEM OVER TO THIS DEPARTMENT. AND WE HAVE BEEN SO PROUD  
6 HOW THIS DEPARTMENT HAS TRULY ENHANCED ITS EFFECTIVENESS ON A  
7 REGULAR BASIS. ALSO, MANY OF THOSE PARENTS WHO SOMETIMES ARE  
8 OVERCHARGED, WHO ARE EQUALLY AS UPSET, BUT AT THE END OF THE  
9 DAY, THIS DEPARTMENT HAS BECOME STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE.  
10 WE APPRECIATE THE WORK OF ALL THE PROFESSIONALS AT THE  
11 DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF ITS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP. SO  
12 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB.  
13 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] IF WE COULD PUT THE MIC BACK, I  
14 WOULD LIKE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, SHARE A  
15 COUPLE WORDS FOR US.

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17 **STEVEN GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS THE SUPERVISOR  
18 MENTIONED, AUGUST IS THE TRADITIONAL MONTH THAT WE ATTEMPT TO  
19 GO THE EXTRA MILE, IF YOU WILL, TO GET THE WORD OUT IN THE  
20 COMMUNITY ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO CHILDREN AND  
21 FAMILIES. AND I'D REALLY LIKE TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY THIS  
22 MORNING TO THOSE WHO PERHAPS ARE WATCHING THIS BROADCAST TO  
23 SEND A SPECIAL MESSAGE, AND THAT IS IF YOUR SITUATION IS  
24 CHANGED DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST MONTH, TWO MONTHS, YEAR  
25 BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY, IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR JOB, IF YOU'VE



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1 BEEN -- YOUR HOURS HAVE BEEN CUT BACK, COME AND TALK TO US.  
2 CALL US. LET US SEE IF WE CAN HELP YOU MAKE AN APPROPRIATE  
3 MODIFICATION TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER THAT'S IN PLACE. YOU  
4 CAN COME INTO ANY OF OUR OFFICES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE  
5 COUNTY, PALMDALE, ENCINO, WEST COVINA, COMMERCE, SOUTH L.A.,  
6 AND TORRANCE. OR YOU CAN CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 866-901-3212.  
7 LET US SEE IF WE CAN HELP YOU. WE CAN'T HELP YOU UNLESS YOU  
8 CALL US AND COME IN. THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED MY EXECUTIVE  
9 STAFF WHO ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING. TWO OTHER MEMBERS,  
10 DAVID KILGORE AND HIS WIFE HAD A BABY LAST WEEK, HE'S OFF. AND  
11 LAURIE CRUISE IS ON VACATION. WITH ME THIS MORNING, MY  
12 COLLEAGUES ARE MEMBERS OF OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF AND I'M  
13 VERY PROUD TO SAY MEMBERS OF OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM,  
14 SUPERVISOR, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO SEE A BOARD MEETING,  
15 SOME FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF THEIR HARD WORK  
16 AND OUR OTHER 1,600 COLLEAGUES WHO AREN'T HERE THIS MORNING,  
17 THEY WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE SERVICE EXCELLENCE THAT YOU  
18 SPOKE SO KINDLY OF A FEW MOMENTS AGO. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS  
19 WONDERFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO COMMEND STEVEN AND THE  
24 DEPARTMENT. YOU'VE DONE A SUPERB JOB SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN AT THE  
25 TIME WAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARCETTI WHEN EVERYTHING WAS HELL,



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1 AND YOU BROKE-- YOU BROKE OUT OF THAT LOGJAM. YOU BROUGHT  
2 ORDER AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT SO EVERY SUPERVISOR  
3 TODAY USED TO RECEIVE MORE MAIL HERE ON THIS ISSUE. VERY, VERY  
4 RARELY RECEIVES AN EMAIL OR LETTER, AND WHEN WE DO, IT'S  
5 RESOLVED, AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, BUT MORE  
6 IMPORTANTLY, WE THANK FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN HELPED  
7 BECAUSE OF YOUR ACTION AND DIRECT ACTION INTERVENTION, SO  
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THE PEOPLE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
14 THOMAS, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AND MAY I CALL  
17 FORWARD A DELEGATION WHO DISTINGUISHES ITSELF BY HELPING HANDS  
18 DAY. THIS IS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCH OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS  
19 AND IT'S OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS MORMONS HELPING HANDS DAY. THEY  
20 SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THEM HERE TO  
21 RECEIVE THIS PRESENTATION. AND IT HAPPENS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.  
22 AND THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 370 VOLUNTEERS WORKED WITH PARKS AND  
23 RECREATION TO REHABILITATE THREE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24 PARKS, SPECIFICALLY JESSE OWENS PARK, ENTERPRISE PARK AND  
25 MAGIC JOHNSON RECREATION AREA. THESE FACILITIES ARE AMONG THE



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1 SECOND DISTRICT'S MOST HIGHLY UTILIZED PARKS, SERVING  
2 LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS EACH MONTH. AND SO THE SECOND  
3 DISTRICT RESIDENTS USE THESE PARKS FOR SWIMMING, GOLF, SPORTS,  
4 EXERCISE, FISHING, FAMILY EVENTS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL  
5 ACTIVITIES. THE MORMON HELPING HANDS DAY DELEGATION,  
6 SPEARHEADED BY THOSE WHO ARE HERE TODAY, STEVEN ADAMS, REX  
7 STEVENS AND NINA ANDREWS SHURTLIFF, PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY  
8 \$2,700 IN MATERIALS AND SAVED THE COUNTY NEARLY \$13,000 IN  
9 STAFF TIME. SO ANY TIME WE CAN SAVE MONEY THROUGH THE  
10 GENEROSITY AND BENEVOLENCE, YOU MIGHT SAY, OF OTHERS, IT SEEMS  
11 TO ME THAT THAT DESERVES OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE GROUP USED  
12 APPROXIMATELY 300 GALLONS OF PAINT TO REJUVENATE CURBS,  
13 RETAINING WALLS, WROUGHT IRON FENCES, PICNIC SHELTERS,  
14 PLAYGROUNDS, DOORS, A FULL GYMNASIUM, THEY DID IT ALL. AND  
15 THEY ALSO PLANTED VARIOUS TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUND COVER  
16 THROUGHOUT THE FACILITIES TO ENHANCE THE PARK'S GREEN SPACE.  
17 IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
18 PARKS AND RECREATION WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN COMPLETING THESE  
19 PROJECTS, AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING  
20 EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE JOINED US TO JUST TAKE A STAND AND BE  
21 RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION, AS WELL. JOE MENDOZA, WHO  
22 IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DWIGHT LECRAW, THE CRAFTS FACILITY  
23 MANAGER, BOB GONZALES, REGIONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE  
24 SUPERVISOR, MIGUEL VASQUEZ, ASSISTANT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE  
25 SUPERVISOR, KENYA WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE





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1 SUPERVISOR, AND RODOLFO GAERE, WHO IS A PLUMBER. WOULD YOU  
2 PLEASE GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE? [APPLAUSE.] SO  
3 THIS CREATES SENSE OF COMMUNITY, IT CREATES A SENSE OF PRIDE  
4 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, IN OUR PARKS, IN OUR RECREATIONAL SPACE  
5 AND WE SIMPLY WISH TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, FOR YOUR  
6 SERVICE TO THE CONSTITUENTS FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT AND THE  
7 COUNTY BEYOND. AND WE THANK YOU, MOST HEARTILY ON THIS DAY FOR  
8 THE WORK THAT HAS HAPPENED, FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT, MORMON  
9 HELPING HANDS DAY. ONCE AGAIN, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR  
10 THESE VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR SPIRIT OF GIVING. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **NINA ANDREWS-SHURTLIFF:** THANK YOU FOR THIS. IT IS TRULY AN  
13 HONOR. I WANT TO THANK DEPUTY DIRECTOR JOE MENDOZA FOR  
14 NOMINATING US FOR THIS WONDERFUL AWARD. BOTH THE BUSINESS  
15 WORLD AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTEER WORLD, EACH JOB HAS A CERTAIN  
16 REQUIREMENT THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE DONE  
17 PROPERLY. THIS AWARD REALLY BELONGS TO JOE MENDOZA, BOB  
18 GONZALES AND DWIGHT LECRAW AND THEIR EXCELLENT STAFF, ALONG  
19 WITH THE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
20 CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS. WHEN I CONTACTED THESE GOOD MEN,  
21 ALL I HAD TO OFFER WAS PROMISES OF HUNDREDS OF HARD WORKING  
22 VOLUNTEERS AND A VISION OF BEAUTIFYING THREE PARKS IN SOUTH  
23 CENTRAL L.A. THEY HAD FAITH IN ME AND DID A TREMENDOUS JOB  
24 WORKING WITH US SIDE BY SIDE TO MAKE THE MORMON HELPING HANDS  
25 DAY OF SERVICE A GREAT SUCCESS. ON A STATEWIDE BASIS, THIS



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1 PAST MAY 8, OUR CHURCH HAD APPROXIMATELY 70,000 WORKERS  
2 PARTNER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS TO BEAUTIFY  
3 CALIFORNIA'S STATE, REGIONAL AND CITY PARKS. OUR EFFORTS AT  
4 JESSE OWENS, MAGIC JOHNSON AND ENTERPRISE PARKS HERE IN LOS  
5 ANGELES ON MAY 8TH WAS JUST A SMALL PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE.  
6 FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE CHURCH OF  
7 JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, WE ARE THE FOURTH LARGEST  
8 CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECOND LARGEST CHRISTIAN  
9 DENOMINATION IN CALIFORNIA. AS A CHURCH, WE BELIEVE IN  
10 FOCUSING OUR ENERGIES ON UPLIFTING THE BURDENS OF OTHERS. WE  
11 SERVE THOSE IN NEED WORLDWIDE WITHOUT RESPECT TO RACE,  
12 NATIONALITY OR RELIGION. WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH MANY LOCAL AND  
13 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE RED CROSS, SALVATION  
14 ARMY, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; EMERGENCY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AND  
15 INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE CATHOLIC RELIEF  
16 SERVICES. IT IS VERY HUMBLING TO BE A MEMBER OF A CHURCH THAT  
17 HAS DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 330 MILLION PALLETS OF FOOD,  
18 MEDICINES, EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES, CLOTHING IN 167 COUNTRIES  
19 OFTEN IN CONCERT WITH OTHER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. OUR CHURCH  
20 BELIEVES IN WORKING WITH THOSE TO EMPOWER ALL PEOPLE, BOTH  
21 YOUNG AND OLD, TO VOLUNTEER AND TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITY.  
22 TODAY, COMMUNITIES ARE BUILT UPON AND DEPENDENT UPON  
23 VOLUNTEERS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT OUR EXAMPLE WILL INSPIRE OTHERS  
24 TO BE INVOLVED WITH TAKING PRIDE IN THE APPEARANCE OF THEIR  
25 LOCAL PARKS, FINDING WAYS TO BUILD UP THEIR COMMUNITIES BY



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1 VOLUNTEERING. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, WHICH  
2 ARE VERY DIVERSE AND MANY, THE MOTIVATION BEHIND OUR EFFORTS  
3 IS TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST'S EXAMPLE TO SERVE, TO BE OF SERVICE  
4 TO OTHERS BY HELPING TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE  
5 LIVE, ESPECIALLY DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES FOR LOCAL  
6 AND STATE GOVERNMENT. IF ANYONE HERE THIS DAY HAS A DESIRE TO  
7 PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER OUTREACH EFFORTS WITH US IN THE  
8 FUTURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE LOCAL OFFICIALS OF THE L.D.S.  
9 CHURCH IN YOUR AREA. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND IF YOU WANT  
10 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD, PLEASE CHOOSE TO BE A  
11 VOLUNTEER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **RUSS GUINEY:** ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, RICHARD, THANK YOU TO  
14 THE CHURCH OF JUDGE JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY DATES AND THE  
15 MORMON HELPING HANDS PROJECT. TO HAVE 370 PEOPLE DESCEND ON  
16 THESE PARKS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR OUR STAFF AND MOST  
17 IMPORTANTLY, A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR THE PATRONS OF THESE VERY  
18 BUSY PARKS, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL ALWAYS WELCOME YOU  
19 BACK. AND AS RICHARD SAID, IT WAS A LOT OF FUN. SO WE'LL HOPE  
20 YOU COME BACK AND HELP MAKE OUR PARKS EVEN BETTER. THANK YOU  
21 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR, AND  
24 THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE  
2   OFFICER TO PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE TO  
3   SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

4

5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
6   BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8 PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND  
7   TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS  
8   BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE  
9   TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU.  
10   AND YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY WITH ITEM NO. 1, THIS  
11   IS A HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR THE APPROPRIATION  
12   SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE  
13   LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC  
14   SAFETY PROGRAM. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO  
15   CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED. THERE ARE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS  
16   ON THIS ITEM.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE DO HAVE MR. E.T. SNELL IF  
19   HE'D JOIN US AND ARNOLD SACHS.

20

21   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 1.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS IS ITEM NO. 1. YOU DECIDED NOT TO?  
24   MR. SNELL, YOU'RE ON.

25



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1 **E. SNELL:** HOW ARE YOU DOING? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE L.A.  
2 DAYS. BOY, WE FOUGHT THAT LIQUOR STORE GOING IN DOWN THERE,  
3 REMEMBER THAT ?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SNELL, WOULD YOU PLEASE ADDRESS THE  
6 BOARD? AND YOUR TIME HAS STARTED, SIR.

7

8 **E. SNELL:** GLORIA, COME ON, MAN. I I CAN SAY HI TO MY  
9 \_\_\_\_\_. MAN, WE GO WAY BACK. MAN, THERE YOU GO STARTING ON  
10 US AGAIN, MAN. IS THIS ONE NOW? OR S-1?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 1.

13

14 **E. SNELL:** YOU ALREADY GOT ME DOWN. I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED AND  
15 YOU GOT 40 SECONDS ON MY TIME.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'VE BEEN TALKING. THE MINUTE YOU OPENED  
18 YOUR MOUTH, IT STARTED.

19

20 **E. SNELL:** GLORIA, MUZZLE IT, MAN. GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SPEAK,  
21 MAN. I DON'T WANT TO START THIS OVER AGAIN. YOU GOT THAT  
22 LITTLE SKUNK THING GOING AND YOU'RE ALL ABOUT THAT AND A BAG  
23 OF CHIPS. WELL I GOT SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ALL THAT. YOU  
24 KNOW, FIRST OFF YOU NEED TO RELEASE THAT 70 YEAR OLD  
25 INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEY FINE. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, IT'S BEEN A



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1 LONG TIME SINCE I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SPEAKING BEFORE YOU.  
2 I USED TO COME HERE IN A CLOWN COSTUME. REMEMBER, GLORIA,  
3 CLOWN ON THE TOWN?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RAINBOW WIG AND ALL.

6

7 **E. SNELL:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. AND THE T.V. SHOW IS GOING  
8 BACK ON THE AIRWAYS, TOO. YOU REMEMBER LEONARD SHAPIRO WHEN  
9 YOU HAD US SPEAKING ON THE BROWN ACT DOWN THERE IN SACRAMENTO?  
10 YOU ASKED TO US GO SPEAK? BUT I SAW THAT THING ON FULL  
11 DISCLOSURE. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE A 360-DEGREE TURN ON THE  
12 BROWN ACT. YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE, RIGHT? HELLO? OKAY, THANK  
13 YOU. THIS IS THE SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. WELL,  
14 YOU KNOW, I CAN SPEAK ON THAT, HAVING BEEN PUT IN PRISON BY  
15 YOUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT ON PHONY CHARGES, WHICH I TOOK A  
16 POLYGRAPH ON THAT AND IT'S AVAILABLE ONLINE AT HESPERIA STAR  
17 DOT COM E.T. SNELL TERRORIST. I TOOK THE POLYGRAPH TO SHOW  
18 DEMERJIAN PUT ME IN PRISON ON PHONY CHARGES. SO I SHOULD HOPE  
19 THAT I WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF LAW  
20 ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A COUPLE  
21 THINGS THAT I THINK YOU GUYS SHOULD REALIZE THAT IN THIS  
22 COUNTRY, BETWEEN 2.3 MILLION AND 2.4 MILLION AMERICANS ARE  
23 BEHIND BARS. ROUGHLY 1 IN EVERY 100 ADULTS. YOU KNOW, AND THE  
24 COST OF PRISONERS RANGE FROM 18,000, MISSISSIPPI TO GOOD OLD  
25 CALIFORNIA 50 GRAND. DUDE, I DON'T KNOW, IT MUST BE THEM GOLD





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1 PLATED DENTURES THEY'RE GIVING ALL THOSE SENIORS UP THERE. BUT  
2 I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE  
3 MONEY THAT WE'RE ALLOCATING TO THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,  
4 YOU'RE LOCKING UP A LOT OF OLD PEOPLE THAT ARE COMPLETELY  
5 HARMLESS. YOU KNOW, LIKE TODAY I WAS TALKING TO THE LADY THAT  
6 DOES THAT MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN, THE PARENTS THAT OWE MONEY.  
7 AND NOW THERE'S NO JOBS. SO NOW WE'RE TAKING A WHOLE BUNCH OF  
8 MORE PEOPLE'S LICENSES. AND I WISH YOU WOULDN'T START MY TIME,  
9 MAN, YOU KNOW, YOU GOT THIS, YOU KNOW, DON'T START MY TIME  
10 UNTIL I START TALKING. YOU ATE ME OUT OF 40 SECONDS, MAN. BUT  
11 I KNOW HOW YOU ARE WITH THE BROWN ACT. YOU'VE DONE THAT 360,  
12 FULL DISCLOSURE SHOWED THAT. SO, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO SAY  
13 TIME'S UP, GLORIA? CAN I HEAR IT?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SNELL.

16

17 **E.T. SNELL:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED  
20 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ANY  
21 OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 2, PLEASE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS A HEARING ON AMENDMENTS  
24 TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION TO REVISE REGISTRAR-  
25 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FEES. THERE IS



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1 NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
2 SUBMITTED. THERE IS ONE SPEAKER.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE MR. SACHS.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I COULD APPRECIATE  
7 THE FACT YOU'RE NICKEL AND DIMING BUSINESS COMMUNITY OVER THIS  
8 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME INCREASE, BUT MY QUESTION IS: WHAT  
9 ABOUT RAISING THE PENALTY ON BUSINESSES THAT PUT IN PHONY  
10 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENTS AND FALSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
11 STATEMENTS? AND IS THERE A PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR WHISTLE  
12 BLOWERS WHEN THEY FINE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE DONE OR ENTERED  
13 INTO THOSE KIND OF IF I CAN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENTS  
14 THAT DON'T HOLD UP, THAT AREN'T LEGAL, THAT FALSIFY THE FACTS,  
15 THAT DON'T INCLUDE THE NOTICE OF PUBLICATION THAT IS REQUIRED  
16 WITH THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT? HOW ABOUT INCREASING  
17 THOSE PENALTIES IN ADDITION? I'M SURE THAT IT'S SOME KIND OF  
18 MISDEMEANOR VIOLATION OR INFRACTION. AND HOW ABOUT A WHISTLE  
19 BLOWER PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY BECOME AWARE WHO THEY  
20 CAN REPORT THOSE TO? BECAUSE I DO RECALL THAT SOMEBODY IN CITY  
21 COUNCIL AT A MEETING MENTIONED A BUSINESS THAT WAS-- THE D.A.  
22 WAS, THE CITY'S ATTORNEY WAS DEALING WITH, AND THEY CLAIMED IN  
23 THE COUNCIL MEETING THAT THAT PARTICULAR BUSINESS HAD NOT  
24 FILED A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT IN L.A. COUNTY AS THEY  
25 REQUIRED, NOR WERE THEY REGISTERED IN THE STATE, WITH THE



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1 STATE OF SACRAMENTO. SO BEWARE OF THAT. THE COMPANY MAY NOT  
2 FILE IN THE COUNTY, BUT IF THEY FILE IN THE CAPITAL OF  
3 SACRAMENTO, THEN THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IS GOOD  
4 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND  
5 ATTENTION.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. SACHS. ALL RIGHT.  
8 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,  
10 SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 3.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS A HEARING ON  
13 CONFIRMATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-'10 WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES TO  
14 BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF DESIGNATED PARCELS, MOST OF WHICH ARE  
15 UNIMPROVED. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, NO  
16 CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED AND I BELIEVE THERE IS ONE PUBLIC  
17 SPEAKER.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MR. SNELL, YOU SIGNED UP FOR  
20 THIS ITEM, AS WELL. IF YOU'D QUICKLY COME HERE, WE'D  
21 APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. ON ITEM 3, MOVED BY  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
23 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING OF THE  
2 CONFIRMATION OF THE 2009-'10 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT  
3 COSTS TO BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF IMPROVED PARCELS. AGAIN, NO  
4 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER. THERE WAS CORRESPONDENCE  
5 SUBMITTED, AND THERE IS A PUBLIC SPEAKER.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SNELL? (OFF MIC. COMMENTS).

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS STARTED, MR. SNELL. (OFF  
10 MIC. COMMENTS).

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME HAS STARTED, MR.  
13 SNELL.

14

15 **E. SNELL:** WOW, I GOT THAT AT THE SARAH PALIN SEARCHLIGHT.  
16 UNLESS YOU GUYS WANT YOUR PICTURES IN LITTLE COMMENTS ABOUT  
17 YOU, YOU BETTER STRAIGHTEN UP. ANYWAY, OKAY, YOU'VE ALREADY  
18 STARTED MY TIME, BOY, YOU AND FREE SPEECH, GLORIA. YOU JUST  
19 PUT A MUZZLE ON EVERYBODY, MAN. OKAY. WE'RE ON THIS CAN YOU  
20 GIVE ME A SECOND? CAN YOU STOP THE CLOCK TO GIVE ME A SECOND  
21 TO GET MY NOTES, GLORIA?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NO. 4, MR. SNELL.

24



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1 **E. SNELL:** OH, MAN, WELL WE CAN JUST SIT UP HERE AND HAVE US A  
2 GOOD OLD TIME. THIS IS ABOUT LIENS, RIGHT? PUTTING LIENS ON  
3 PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, THAT WAS ITEM 3. ACTUALLY, THIS IS  
6 ALSO A LIEN ITEM.

7

8 **E. SNELL:** YEAH, IT'S A LIEN ITEM. LIKE WHAT THEY DO IS LIKE  
9 THIS ONE LADY, MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHAT THEY  
10 DID IS SHE HAD A WATER BILL BACK IN VIRGINIA, \$368. THEY  
11 CLOCKED IT UP TO 1500 AND THEY SOLD HER HOUSE. SO, YOU KNOW,  
12 I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR WHOLE LIEN, I KNOW YOUR TAX  
13 SALE LIEN THING. BOY, I MEAN MR. KNABE THERE MUST BE, WHAT,  
14 2,000 PEOPLE A YEAR THAT THEY SELL PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES SAYING  
15 THEY CAN'T FIND THEM. SO, YOU KNOW, YOUR WHOLE PROCESS OF HOW  
16 YOU FIND PEOPLE IS A BIG FARCE. AND IT'S BASICALLY STEALING  
17 PEOPLE'S PROPERTY. YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE SOMEBODY'S  
18 HOUSE BECAUSE THEY OWE MONEY ON A WEED ABATEMENT. BOY, YOU  
19 GUYS ARE REALLY LISTENING TODAY. I CAN SEE WE REALLY NEED TO  
20 GET SOME ATTENTION. SUPERVISORS, I DROVE ALL THE WAY FROM  
21 BARSTOW, SO I WOULD APPRECIATE IF I COULD HAVE YOUR ATTENTION.  
22 IT'S KIND OF SAD THAT WE HAVE THIS LIEN PROCESS. AND YOU KNOW  
23 WITH SPOKIO AND NET DETECTIVE AND SOME OF THESE OTHER  
24 DIFFERENT DEVICES, WE STILL CAN'T FIND THESE PEOPLE. THE  
25 COUNTY CAN'T, ANYWAY. AND I DON'T KNOW WHY WE DON'T-- THANK



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1 YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, FOR AT LEAST LISTENING. I DROVE A LONG  
2 WAY DOWN HERE, \$20 TO PARK, OH MY GOD, YOU GUYS. I DON'T KNOW  
3 WHY YOU DON'T MOVE THIS MEETING SOMEWHERE ELSE AND THE WHOLE  
4 THING, THIS WHOLE COUNTY BUILDING SOMETHING WHERE ELSE. YOU  
5 GOT PEOPLE OUT HERE PAYING 120 BUCKS, EMPLOYEES A MONTH TO  
6 PARK. I MEAN, YOU KNOW THE WHOLE PARKING, IF THE PUBLIC WANTS  
7 TO DO BUSINESS WITH THIS COUNTY, YOU KNOW, I DON'T SEE WHY AND  
8 YOU COULD SELL THIS PLACE AND MAKE JUST ABOUT SOLVE YOUR  
9 BUDGET CRISIS. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S GOT TO BE RIGHT DOWNTOWN  
10 HERE. IT COULD BE IN THE OUTSKIRTS SOMEWHERE AND YOU COULD  
11 REALLY GET INTO SERVICING THE PUBLIC. BUT I'M CONCERNED WITH  
12 THE LIEN PROCESS, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT JOBS, YOU  
13 KNOW. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IS THERE ANYTHING IN PLACE THAT'S  
14 GOING TO TRY TO HELP PEOPLE IN THESE HARD-PRESSED ECONOMIC  
15 TIMES SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THEIR PROPERTY AND SELL IT FOR  
16 A WEED ABATEMENT? OF COURSE THE COUNTY'S BEEN STEALING  
17 PEOPLE'S PROPERTY FOR YEARS. I FOLLOW THOSE TAX SALES AND IT'S  
18 REALLY SAD WHAT YOU GUYS DO.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SNELL. ALL RIGHT. ON THAT  
21 ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 5.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
25 ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL





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1 YEAR 2010-'11 FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE  
2 GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT THE CURRENT RATE OF THE TAX ROLL  
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-'11. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON  
4 THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU SAID THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT?

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I BELIEVE SO.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **CARLOS RUIZ:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
13 BOARD. MY NAME IS CARLOS RUIZ AND I'M AN ASSISTANT DIVISION  
14 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
15 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE  
16 SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL ON  
17 THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON  
18 THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE WAS PREPARED IN MY  
19 OFFICE UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO  
20 RETAIN THE SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL. AND IT IS IN  
21 THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGE  
22 ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY  
23 COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGE FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.  
24 IN MY OPINION, THE SERVICE CHARGE CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY



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1 IMPOSED. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS TO THE REPORT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL  
5 RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE ARE NOT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE ARE NOT ON THIS ITEM. ALL RIGHT. ON  
10 THIS ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'RE GOING  
12 TO HOLD ON ITEM NO. 6. I'M CALLING ITEM NO. 7.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS A COMBINED HEARING ON PROJECT NO.  
15 04-075-(5) WHICH INCLUDES LAND USE AND ZONING MATTERS IN AN  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WITH FINDINGS OF FACT AND  
17 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS WITHIN THE SAND CANYON ZONE DISTRICT  
18 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY,  
19 PETITIONED BY PARDEE HOMES THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND  
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE IS A REPORT?

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

25



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1   **ALEJANDRINA BALDWIN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
2   ALEJANDRINA BALDWIN AND I'M A PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER FOR  
3   THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I HAVE WITH ME TODAY  
4   DENNIS HUNTER FROM PUBLIC WORKS, AS WELL. PROJECT NO. 04-075  
5   IS A PROPOSAL BY PARDEE HOMES FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF  
6   1,260 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS ON 2,173 GROSS ACRES LOCATED WEST OF  
7   SIERRA HIGHWAY AND SOUTH OF VASQUEZ CANYON ROAD. THE PROJECT  
8   ALSO FEATURES AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOT, 25 OPEN SPACE LOTS, 10  
9   PARK LOTS, INCLUDING ONE 12-ACRE PUBLIC PARK, A CLASS II BIKE  
10   LANE, HIKING TRAILS, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, IF A SALE WITH A  
11   RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT-- WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.  
12   ON MARCH 24TH, 2010, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED  
13   THIS PROJECT ALONG WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ENSURE  
14   COMPLIANCE WITH HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT, DENSITY CONTROL  
15   DEVELOPMENT, GRADING OF 41.6 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF CUT AND  
16   FILL, GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SKYLINE RANCH ROAD, A  
17   TEMPORARY MATERIALS PROCESSING FACILITY, AN OAK TREE PERMIT TO  
18   REMOVE ONE OAK TREE. A HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT CASE TO REVIEW THE  
19   REALIGNMENT OF WHITES CANYON ROAD, AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF  
20   A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS.  
21   TO DELETE CRUZAN MESA ROAD AND REALIGN WHITES CANYON ROAD TO  
22   BE NAMED SKYLINE RANCH ROAD. THE DELETION OF CRUZAN MESA ROAD  
23   WILL VOID FUTURE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE PROPOSED CRUZAN  
24   MESA, VERNAL POOLS, SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA AND THE  
25   REALIGNMENT OF WHITES CANYON ROAD WILL INCREASE CONDUCTIVITY



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1 BETWEEN WHITES CANYON ROAD AND SIERRA HIGHWAY. THE PROJECT  
2 WILL ALSO PROVIDE 1,770 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE, WHICH IS ABOUT 81  
3 PERCENT OF THE PROJECT SITE. 1,409 ACRES OF THIS OPEN SPACE IS  
4 PROPOSED WITHIN LOT NO. 1293 AND INCLUDES A MERGER OF THE  
5 UNDERLYING RECORDED TRACT MAPS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TO CREATE  
6 200 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS WHICH WILL NOT BE DEVELOPED. AT TIME OF  
7 APPROVAL, TWO ISSUES REMAINED, WHICH SINCE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS RECEIVED THE NECESSARY  
9 DOCUMENTATION REGARDING OUTSIDE EASEMENTS. AND THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF PARKS AND RECREATION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE NET REVENUE  
11 COLLECTED FROM FILMING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THIS PROJECT WILL BE  
12 SUFFICIENT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE LOT 1293. AN  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, INCLUDING A MITIGATION MONITORING  
14 REPORT PROGRAM AND FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF  
15 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS WERE CERTIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE  
16 COMMISSION WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED  
17 TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT TO VISUAL QUALITY, CUMULATIVE  
18 TRAFFIC, NOISE, AIR QUALITY, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE. COUNTY STAFF  
20 IS RECOMMENDING TWO ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS, WHICH I WOULD LIKE  
21 TO READ INTO THE RECORD AT THIS TIME. FIRST CONDITION IS:  
22 OFFSITE IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED. CONSTRUCT OFFSITE A.C.  
23 PAVINGS TO INCLUDE A TRAVEL LANE, BIKE LANE, BUFFER, CURB AND  
24 GUTTER ADJACENT TO BIKE LANE AND SIDEWALKS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS  
25 ON SKYLINE RANCH ROAD JOINING TO PLUM CANYON ROAD. THE



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1 IMPROVEMENTS WILL CONFORM TO THE LATEST APPROVAL I.E.C.  
2 ALIGNMENT P-270 TO THE SATISFACTION OF PUBLIC WORKS. BEFORE  
3 THE RECORDATION OF THE 301ST UNIT IN PHASE 1, THE REMAINING  
4 IMPROVEMENTS, AS SHOWN ON THE APPROVAL TYPICAL SECTIONS  
5 LABELED TRACT 60922 STREET CROSS SECTIONS REVISED MARCH 3RD,  
6 2010, WILL BE COMPLETED TO THE SATISFACTION OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
7 CONDITION NO. 2 READS: CONSTRUCTION OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE  
8 OVER SKYLINE RANCH ROAD AT THE SCHOOL IS REQUIRED. THE BRIDGE  
9 WILL BE BONDED FOR UPON THE RECORDATION OF THE FIRST PHYSICAL  
10 UNIT ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF SKYLINE RANCH ROAD AND COMPLETED  
11 ALONG WITH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OF THE FIRST  
12 UNIT ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE ALL TO THE SATISFACTION OF PUBLIC  
13 WORKS. THIS CONCLUDES REGIONAL PLANNING'S PRESENTATION AND  
14 STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTION? SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD I FIRST ASK ABOUT THE WATER SUPPLY  
20 ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW FOR THIS? DOES THIS  
21 PROJECT MEET THOSE STATE REQUIREMENTS?

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23 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT DOES, SUPERVISOR.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO PREPARED THAT WATER SUPPLY  
2    ASSESSMENT?

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4    **DENNIS HUNTER:** THE SANTA CLARITA WATER DIVISION OF CASTAIC  
5    LAKE WATER AGENCY.

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7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND UNDER STATE LAW, IS THIS THE APPROPRIATE  
8    BODY TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION?

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10   **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT IS.

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT, WHERE DID  
13   CASTAIC LAKE WATER CONCLUDE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF  
14   WATER FOR THE PROJECT?

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16   **DENNIS HUNTER:** THEY CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS A SUFFICIENT  
17   WATER SUPPLY AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT DURING NORMAL, SINGLE  
18   DRY AND MULTIPLE-DRY YEARS OVER THE NEXT 20-YEAR PERIOD.

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20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID YOU REVIEW THAT ASSESSMENT?

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22   **DENNIS HERNER:** YES, I DID, SUPERVISOR.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IN YOUR OPINION, DOES THIS ASSESSMENT  
2   PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THOSE DEMANDS AND  
3   WATER SUPPLY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROJECT?

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5   **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT DOES.

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7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN YOUR OPINION, DOES THIS ASSESSMENT  
8   PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT ARE COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF  
9   SENATE BILL 610 AND C.E.Q.A. REGARDING THE DEMAND FOR WATER  
10   AND THE SUPPLY ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROJECT?

11

12   **DENNIS HUNTER:** IT'S MY OPINION THAT IT DOES, SUPERVISOR.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT AGENCY IS THE WATER PURVEYOR? AND  
15   HAVE THEY PROVIDED A WELL SERVE LETTER OR OTHERWISE CONFIRMED  
16   WATER AVAILABILITY FOR THE PROJECT?

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18   **DENNIS HUNTER:** THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT SERVES AS THEIR  
19   LETTER OF WATER AVAILABILITY AND THEIR PROJECT'S CONDITION TO  
20   PROVIDE A WELL SERVE LETTER PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF THE FINAL  
21   MAP.

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 14, 15--  
2   17 SPEAKERS. 14 IN FAVOR AND VARIOUS OPPOSED. SO, AGAIN, I'M  
3   GOING TO CALL FOLKS UP IF YOU'D COME UP AND JOIN US. LET'S  
4   BEGIN WITH CHARLES MOORE. ALLEN FERDMAN, SHARON SORENSON, AND  
5   ROB THOMSON. AGAIN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THE ENTIRE THREE  
6   MINUTES. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES ALLOCATED TO YOU. MR. MOORE,  
7   IF YOU'D BEGIN.

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9   **CHARLES MOORE:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
10  SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHARLES MOORE. IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER  
11  OF SPEAKERS, UNLESS THERE ARE QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO  
12  SIMPLY INTRODUCE JIM BIZZELLE FROM PARDEE HOMES. OF COURSE  
13  WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, AS WELL.

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15  **JIM BIZZELLE:** YES, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JIM BIZZELLE VICE  
16  PRESIDENT OF PARDEE HOMES. PARDEE HOMES HAS BEEN BUILDING  
17  HOMES OUT IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SINCE THE 1970S, AND WE HAVE  
18  BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 1921, SERVING THE GREATER LOS ANGELES  
19  AREA. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME AND THANK COUNTY STAFF  
20  AND DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT AND EFFORT IN  
21  BRINGING THIS PROJECT IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. SKYLINE RANCH IS  
22  A WELL-PLANNED OUT COMMUNITY THAT STAFF DID A GREAT  
23  PRESENTATION ON. SO I NEED NOT SAY ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
24  ON THE PROJECT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I SUPPORT ALL OF THE  
25  REVISED CONDITIONS AND THE PRIOR CONDITIONS AND REQUEST YOUR



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1 UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF OUR E.I.R. AND CERTIFY IT. I HAVE MY  
2 TEAM HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, ARE YOU MR. FERDMAN? SIR?

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6 **ALAN FERDMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE YOU MR. FERDMAN?

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10 **ALAN FERDMAN:** YES.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY, GOOD.

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14 **ALAN FERDMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALAN  
15 FERDMAN, I'M A 45-YEAR RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY AND A CHAIR  
16 OF THE CANYON COUNTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I REMEMBER THE FIRST  
17 TIME AN INDIVIDUAL CAME UP TO ME AND ASKED, "WHAT DO YOU THINK  
18 MAKES A DEVELOPMENT A GOOD DEVELOPMENT"? MY ANSWER THEN  
19 REMAINS AS IT IS TODAY: GOOD DEVELOPMENTS ARE PROJECTS WHICH  
20 SATISFY COMMUNITY NEEDS, MEET COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND HAVE THE  
21 SUPPORT OF ITS NEIGHBORS. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT EARLY AND  
22 CONTINUAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS PARAMOUNT IN MAKING THAT  
23 VISION A REALITY. OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO, I HAVE WATCHED  
24 PROJECTS SUCH AS SKYLINE RANCH SEEK OUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT  
25 BEFORE, DURING THE FORMAL PLANNING PROCESS. THOSE DEVELOPERS



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1 UNDERSTAND MITIGATING COMMUNITY CONCERNS EARLY AND THROUGHOUT  
2 THE PROCESS IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST AS WELL AS THE PROJECT'S  
3 NEIGHBORS. FOR THIS PROJECT, PARDEE TOOK A PRACTICAL APPROACH  
4 TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY'S QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS WERE  
5 ANSWERED AND MITIGATED. THEY CAME TO THE CANYON COUNTRY  
6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDED AN INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THEY  
7 FELT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD BLEND WITH OUR COMMUNITY. PARDEE  
8 HOMES HAS PRESENTED THE SKYLINE RANCH PROJECT TO OUR GROUP  
9 SEVERAL TIMES. THEY OPENLY SHARED UPDATES ACCOMPLISHED AS A  
10 RESULT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND ANSWERED NEW QUESTIONS. OUR  
11 GROUP WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY  
12 INTERCONNECTING STREETS FROM THE SKYLINE RANCH PROJECT TO  
13 EXISTING ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOODS, THEREBY GUARANTEEING THE CUT-  
14 THROUGH TRAFFIC WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE. WE WERE ALSO PLEASED  
15 THAT THE MAIN ROADWAY PROVIDING ACCESS TO SKYLINE RANCH WOULD  
16 PROVIDE AN INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN PLUMB WHITES CANYON AND  
17 SIERRA HIGHWAY. WE LIKE THE SKYLINE RANCH DESIGN WITH THE  
18 TRAILS, BIKE PATHS, NEW PARK, NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND  
19 PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED OPEN SPACE PROVIDED TO THE NORTH TO THE  
20 PROJECT. LASTLY WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE IDEA THAT THE EAST  
21 SIDE ACCESS WOULD PROVIDE IMPROVEMENT TO SIERRA HIGHWAY, AN  
22 AREA SORELY IN NEED OF ATTENTION. WE THEREFORE WISH TO SHOW  
23 OUR SUPPORT FOR THE SKYLINE RANCH PROJECT. WE WANT TO MAKE A  
24 SPECIAL COMMENT ON HOW PARDEE HOMES MADE EVERY EFFORT TO  
25 ALLEVIATE CONCERNS OUR RESIDENTS RAISED, ENDING WITH THE



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1 PROJECT THAT BLENDS WITH AND ENHANCES OUR COMMUNITY. THANK  
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. IS MS. SORENSON NOT HERE?  
5 WELL THEN COME ON UP WHEN I CALL YOU, PLEASE. ROB THOMSON?  
6 CRAIG YOUNG. MARK SIKAND. IF THEY'RE NOT HERE

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8 **SHARON SORENSEN:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL BEFORE YOU START. LISA PATRICIO?  
11 ROBIN LOWE? I'M WAITING FOR FOUR SPEAKERS. MAX HOBBS? DAN  
12 CARMICHAEL? VICKY MYERS? ALL RIGHT, MISS SORENSON.

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14 **SHARON SORENSON:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. WE'RE HERE THIS  
15 MORNING, MY NAME'S SHARON SORENSON. I'M A SENIOR PLANNER WITH  
16 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING IN SUPPORT  
17 OF THIS PROJECT AND TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE  
18 EFFORTS OF STAFF, THE APPLICANT AND THEIR ENGINEER FOR  
19 CREATING A TRULY COLLABORATIVE PROCESS, RESULTING IN SUPPORT  
20 OF NOT ONLY THE CITY BUT ALSO OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
21 COMMUNITY. WE SUPPORT THE CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS PROPOSED  
22 TODAY BY STAFF THAT CLARIFY THE TIMING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR  
23 CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS. SKYLINE RANCH BRINGS LONG-TERM BENEFITS  
24 TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN TERMS OF OPEN  
25 SPACE PRESERVATION, TRAILS AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES. IT IS A



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1 WELL-DESIGNED, SAFE, WALKABLE COMMUNITY WITH ITS INTERNAL LOOP  
2 ROAD SYSTEM, PASEOS AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE. WE HOPE YOU WILL  
3 APPROVE THIS PROJECT AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED  
4 COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY ON PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.  
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. THOMSON? MR.  
8 YOUNG? MR. SIKAND? LISA PATRICIO? ROBIN LOWE? DID YOU ALL CALL  
9 THESE IN AND THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP? MAX HOBBS? DAN CARMICHAEL

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11 **MAX HOBBS:** MAX HOBBS AND DAN CARMICHAEL. MY NAME IS MAX HOBBS.  
12 I'M HERE TO OFFER SUPPORT TO THE PARDEE HOMES COMPANY. I DO  
13 NOT KNOW A LOT ABOUT SKYLINE RANCH BUT I CAN TELL YOU MY  
14 EXPERIENCE OF HOW PARDEE BUILT ANOTHER MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY  
15 JUST A FEW MILES AWAY. I'M A RESIDENT OF FAIR OAKS RANCH AND  
16 WAS ELECTED TO THE FAIR OAKS RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS'  
17 ASSOCIATION BOARD IN 2002 AND SERVED AS ITS PRESIDENT SINCE  
18 2004. HOWEVER TODAY I DO NOT SPEAK AS PRESIDENT. MY WIFE AND I  
19 FOLLOWED OUR SON AND HIS FAMILY TO FAIR OAKS RANCH IN 2001,  
20 MOVING INTO OUR NEW HOUSES ON THE SAME STREET. BOTH FAMILIES  
21 ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THEIR HOME AND COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TO  
22 TELL YOU THAT IN MY LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH VICE PRESIDENT JIM  
23 BIZZELLE AND HIS TEAM AT PARDEE, THEY HAVE PROVEN TO REPRESENT  
24 AN UPSTANDING AND DEPENDABLE COMPANY. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN  
25 BUILDING COMPLETE COMMUNITIES AND CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO





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1 LIVE THERE. EXAMPLE, THE 2004 FIRE THAT THREATENED OUR H.O.A.  
2 HOMES ON THREE SIDES FROM THE CANYONS AND DOWN THE HILLSIDES,  
3 AS THE FIREFIGHTERS-- FIRE APPROACHED, I ASKED THE  
4 FIREFIGHTERS WHY THEY WERE NOT GOING TO ATTACK THE FIRE  
5 FURTHER FROM HOMES? THEY SAID NO NEED TO. THAT PARDEE-BUILT  
6 HOUSES WERE BUILT TO SUCH MODERN STANDARDS THERE WAS LITTLE  
7 CHANCE OF THEM CATCHING FIRE. AS WE WERE BEING ORDERED TO  
8 EVACUATE, I SURE HOPED THEY WERE RIGHT. THEY WERE NOT ONE OF  
9 THE 393 H.O.A. HOMES BURNT OR CAUGHT ON FIRE. SOME WEEKS LATER  
10 IN OUR PARK AT A BIG THANK YOU PARTY FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS AND  
11 POLICE OFFICERS, MANY HOMEOWNERS ALSO OFFERED THANKS TO PARDEE  
12 HOMES. LATER THAT YEAR, JIM BIZZELLLE ASKED FOR A MEETING TO  
13 DISCUSS THE H.O.A. GRANTING OF ROADWAY EASEMENT FOR THE  
14 PROPOSED GOLDEN VALLEY RANCH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
15 DEVELOPMENT. DURING THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, I FOUND JIM AND HIS  
16 TEAM TO BE PLEASANT, HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, GOOD LISTENERS, AND  
17 THEY SHOWED THEY CARED ABOUT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES. AFTER  
18 PARDEE AGREED TO SEVERAL ENHANCEMENTS AND ADDRESSED OUR SAFETY  
19 ISSUES, THEY MADE A PRESENTATION TO OUR HOMEOWNERS THAT  
20 RESULTED IN A VOTE OF 243-11, OR 96 PERCENT YES FOR APPROVAL  
21 OF GRANTING THE EASEMENT. THE DAY THE ROADWAY EASEMENT HAS  
22 OPENED UP THE CANYON TO OVER 1200 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE,  
23 HUNDREDS OF OAK TREES AND SEVEN MILES OF TRAILS. EACH TIME  
24 PARDEE HAS PLANNED A NEW DEVELOPMENT NEXT TO OR NEAR OUR  
25 H.O.A., THEY HAVE MET WITH OUR BOARD EARLY IN THE PROCESS TO



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1 GAIN SUPPORT AND SOLICIT ANY CONCERNS. IN COMING TO FAIR OAKS  
2 RANCH, WE EXPERIENCED MANY COMMUNITY AMENITIES, GREAT NEW  
3 SCHOOLS, A WONDERFUL PARK AND BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING ALL  
4 RESULTING IN STRONG HOME VALUES AND QUALITY OF LIFE. AND WE'RE  
5 PLEASE TODAY SEE A MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY ON THIS SIDE OF  
6 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. BECAUSE WE HAVE A SOLID BUILDER IN  
7 PARDEE, WE NOW HAVE A WONDERFUL SHOPPING CENTER IN CANYON  
8 COUNTRY. BASED UPON WHAT PARDEE HAS DONE ALREADY IN FAIR OAKS  
9 RANCH, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW WELL THEY WILL BUILD A GREAT  
10 COMMUNITY IN SKYLINE RANCH.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. CARMICHAEL?

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14 **DAN CARMICHAEL:** YES, MY NAME IS DAN CARMICHAEL. I AM THE VICE  
15 PRESIDENT OF FAIR OAKS RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS  
16 ASSOCIATION. I HAVE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST SIX  
17 YEARS. I'M NOT HERE TO SPEAK IN THE ABSTRACT OF WHAT MAY OCCUR  
18 AT THE SKYLINE RANCH DEVELOPMENT. I AM HERE TO SPEAK, THOUGH,  
19 OF MY DEALINGS WITH PARDEE OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS ON NUMEROUS  
20 ISSUES, WHICH ARE REALLY TOO NUMEROUS TO DISCUSS HERE, AND  
21 ALSO MANY COMPLICATED AND DETAILED ISSUES. THESE ISSUES HAVE  
22 THE POTENTIAL TO BE EXTREMELY CONTENTIOUS. I'M HAPPY TO  
23 REPORT, HOWEVER, THOUGH, THAT BECAUSE BOTH SIDES EXERCISE GOOD  
24 FAITH AND ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND IN PARTICULAR PARDEE, AND WE  
25 USUALLY DEAL WITH JIM BIZZELLE, WHO SPOKE TO YOU EARLIER



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1    TODAY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVE THESE ISSUES.  
2    THESE ARE ISSUES WHICH AFFECTED OUR COMMON AREA AND ALSO HOW  
3    OUR DEVELOPMENT WOULD FIT INTO ADJACENT DEVELOPMENTS. PARDEE  
4    HAS NEVER TAKEN THE APPROACH THAT ONCE IT FINISHED THE  
5    DEVELOPMENT AND SOLD ALL OF ITS HOUSES ITS OBLIGATIONS CEASED.  
6    INSTEAD, PARDEE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO LISTEN AS TO  
7    FURTHER ENHANCE-- HOW TO FURTHER ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY AND  
8    IMPROVE OUR COMMON AREAS. PARDEE HAS DEMONSTRATED OVER THE  
9    PAST SIX YEARS THAT IT IS VESTED IN THE LONG-TERM, IN THE  
10    BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

11

12    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. COULD WE HAVE  
13    THIENAN PFEIFFER JOIN US, LYNNE PLAMBECK, JAY ZIFF, CRAIG  
14    YOUNG? ALL RIGHT, MISS MYERS, I GUESS YOU'RE THE LAST SPEAKER?

15

16    **VICKY MYERS:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO START?

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18    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

19

20    **VICKY MYERS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICKY MYERS AND I'M THE  
21    ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE SULFUR  
22    SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SANTA CLARITA. AND IT'S A PLEASURE  
23    TO BE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF PARDEE. OUR DISTRICT  
24    HAS COMPLETED FOUR MITIGATION AGREEMENTS WITH PARDEE, WHICH  
25    HAVE ALREADY RESULTED IN THE COMPLETION OF TWO ELEMENTARY



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1 SCHOOLS, THE FIRST BEING FAIR OAKS RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND  
2 THE SECOND GOLDEN OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL. I HAVE HAD THE  
3 PLEASURE OF WORKING ON TWO OF THE AGREEMENTS AND FOUND THAT  
4 PARDEE WORKS WELL WITH OUR DISTRICT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE  
5 TYPE OF SCHOOL WE NEED, LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR OUR  
6 SCHOOL BUSES. I CAME ON BOARD JUST AS GOLDEN OAK HAD BEEN  
7 GRADED, AND ALTHOUGH NO HOUSES WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THAT  
8 TRACT, PARDEE REALIZED OUR NEED FOR MORE STUDENT SPACE AND  
9 GAVE THE GO-AHEAD TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION. THEY WORKED CLOSELY  
10 AND VERY COOPERATIVELY WITH OUR DISTRICT FROM BEGINNING TO END  
11 OF THE PROJECT. WE NOW HAVE A STATE-OF-THE-ART EDUCATIONAL  
12 FACILITY, COMPLETE WITH A FULLY OUTFITTED SCIENCE LAB,  
13 COMPUTERS IN EVERY STATION, DOCUMENT CAMERAS, SMART BOARDS,  
14 TELEVISION, DISHWASHER, REFRIGERATOR AND LABS TABLES AND  
15 STOOLS FOR SCIENCE LABS. EACH OF OUR CAMPUSES PARDEE SUPPLIED  
16 ALL OF THE INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED FOR INSTRUCTION. WE  
17 HAVE FULLY OPERATIONAL COMPUTER LABS AT BOTH SCHOOLS, SET UP  
18 FOR 32 STUDENTS TO UTILIZE THEM EVERY DAY, ALL DAY. EVERY  
19 SCHOOL HAS BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING, A RUNNING TRACK. AND THAT  
20 RUNNING TRACK IS UTILIZED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE FULL  
21 COMMUNITY FOR THE CHILDREN ON THE WEEKEND. WE HAVE SOCCER  
22 GAMES AND PRACTICES. OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS REMAIN OPEN AFTER  
23 SCHOOL. AND BECAUSE OF THE WAY THEY WERE DESIGNED BY PARDEE,  
24 THEY SERVE AS PARKS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS. FOR SKYLINE RANCH,  
25 SULFUR SPRINGS AND PARDEE HAVE AN AGREEMENT IN PLACE TO



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1 DESIGNATED 10 NET USABLE ACRES FOR OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE,  
2 PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 500-STUDENT SITE WITH UTILITIES  
3 IN PLACE TO EXPAND TO 750. PARDEE WILL SUPPLY THE LAND,  
4 BUILDINGS, FURNISHINGS AND ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT AS THEY HAVE  
5 IN THE PAST. PARDEE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR DISTRICT AND  
6 OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM  
7 THIS CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

10

11 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR  
12 PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S OBVIOUS  
13 INTEREST IN WATER SUPPLY AND TAKING US SERIOUSLY ON THESE  
14 MATTERS AS THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED FOR YOU,  
15 NOT NECESSARILY DOCUMENTATION THAT WE AGREE WITH, BUT AT LEAST  
16 IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING US SERIOUSLY. IT'S  
17 ALSO OBVIOUS THAT THEY'RE TAKING US SERIOUSLY BECAUSE MR.  
18 ANTONOVICH HAS TO ADDRESS A LIST OF QUESTIONS WITH THE  
19 ATTORNEY TO MAKE IT SEEM LEGAL THAT THE WATER COMPANY THAT  
20 THIS PROJECT IS CURRENTLY ANNEXED TO IS NOT SUPPLYING THE  
21 WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT AND THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION-- AND  
22 PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT THAT IT WOULD BE ANNEXED TO IS THE ONE  
23 SUPPLYING THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT WHOLLY OWNED BY CASTAIC  
24 LAKE WATER AGENCY. WHILE THERE IS A MEMORANDUM OF  
25 UNDERSTANDING THAT MAY MAKE THAT GO FORWARD, I QUESTION



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1 WHETHER IT WOULD BE LEGAL FOR THEM NOT TO HAVE THE EXISTING  
2 WATER AGENCY SUPPLY THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT. I WOULD LIKE  
3 TO STATE THAT AS WE BROUGHT TO YOU MANY TIMES THE WATER, THE  
4 CLEAN UP IS STILL NOT FUNCTIONING, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOW  
5 RUNNING TESTS AND RUNNING WATER INTO THE RIVER, THERE IS NO  
6 MENTION OF HOW THEY'RE GOING TO HANDLE THE VOLATILE ORGANIC  
7 COMPOUNDS. THEY'VE PROVIDED A WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT TO YOU  
8 THAT SAYS THERE ARE CURRENTLY 10,000 ACRE FEET AVAILABLE FROM  
9 THE SAUGUS AQUIFER. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. AND THE DEPARTMENT  
10 COULD SEE THAT FROM LOOKING AT THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT  
11 THAT WAS PROVIDED TO YOU JUST RECENTLY IN JULY OF 2010. SO,  
12 AGAIN, WE DON'T BELIEVE THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT IS  
13 ACCURATE. AND WE WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO LOOK AT THE WATER  
14 SUPPLY WITH PERHAPS A MORE INDEPENDENT VIEW THAN JUST HAVING  
15 REPORTS FROM THE WATER AGENCIES. WE SEEM TO HAVE A SORT OF  
16 PONZI SCHEME OUT THERE WHERE DEVELOPERS RUN THE BOARDS AND THE  
17 BOARDS SAY THAT THERE'S PLENTY OF WATER FOR THE DEVELOPERS. SO  
18 THE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THE BURDEN OF  
19 PROOF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS  
20 ARE MERELY BENEFITS THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT IF  
21 IT'S BUILT, ANYWAY. THEY'VE LISTED FIRE SERVICE. THEY'VE  
22 LISTED SCHOOLS. THEY'VE LISTED PARKS. WELL, I MEAN, YOU DON'T  
23 NEED THAT STUFF UNLESS YOU BUILD A PROJECT, SO HOW IS THAT AN  
24 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION? THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT WE'VE BROUGHT  
25 UP FOR QUITE SOMETIME THAT AN OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION SHOULD





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1 BE SOMETHING BEYOND IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT  
2 IMPACTS TO A COMMUNITY, IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING BEYOND WHAT IS  
3 JUST PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT. SO, ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU. AND I HOPE YOU'LL CONSIDER THESE  
5 STATEMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION  
8 OR COMMENT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, I HAVE A MOTION WITH A-- THIS PROPOSAL  
11 BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HAD BEEN APPROVED WITH  
12 THE CHANGES THAT INCORPORATED CONDITIONS INVOLVING THE TRAILS,  
13 PASEOS, BICYCLE LINES AND THE ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY  
14 DIMENSIONS, REFLECTING TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE  
15 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE  
16 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PROPOSED RIGHT- OF-WAY DIMENSIONS ADVANCES  
17 AN IMPORTANT GOAL OF ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION WHICH ELIMINATES  
18 THE DIFFERENCES IN ROADWAY DESIGN BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CITY  
19 NEIGHBORHOODS. AS I SAID, THIS WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON MARCH  
20 24TH BY THE COMMISSION. MORE THAN 80 PERCENT WILL BE PRESERVED  
21 AS OPEN SPACE. INCLUDES A FULLY DEVELOPED 11-ACRE PARK WITH A  
22 MULTI-USE ATHLETIC FIELD, BASKETBALL COURT, VOLLEYBALL AND  
23 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, PICNIC AREAS AND COMMUNITY GATHERING  
24 SPACE. IN ADDITION TO THE PARK THERE ARE 6 ACRES OF SMALLER  
25 PARKS AS WELL AS A SERIES OF WALKING PASEOS AND SIDEWALKS AND



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1 A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY SAFELY AND TO WALK TO  
2 THE PROPOSED 11-ACRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT WILL BE BUILT. THE  
3 APPLICANT IS CONDITIONED TO DEDICATE AND IMPROVE A TWO-MILE  
4 SEGMENT OF THE MINT CANYON TRAIL MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY'S  
5 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL  
6 TRAILS WITHIN THE PROJECT MAINTAINED BY THE HOMEOWNERS'  
7 ASSOCIATION. THE DENSITY OF THE PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
8 ADOPTED GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING DESIGNATIONS FOR THIS  
9 PROPERTY. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE DEVELOPED AT A DENSITY  
10 CONSISTENT WITH SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, BUT APPROXIMATELY  
11 THREE UNITS TO THE ACRE. THIS IS LESS THAN THE DENSITY OF FOUR  
12 UNITS TO THE ACRE IN THE ADJOURNING PLUM CANYON DEVELOPMENT,  
13 3.9 UNITS AN ACRE OF THE OLDER RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND  
14 THE CITY'S PROJECT, AROUND THAT PROJECT. THE PROPOSED GENERAL  
15 PLAN AMENDMENT DOES NOT GRANT ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
16 RIGHTS FOR THE APPLICANT. THE AMENDMENT RESULTS IN A NET  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT AS IT ELIMINATES 200 RECORDED LOTS,  
18 PREVENTING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE  
19 AREA THAT INCLUDES-- SENSITIVE AREAS. THE ELIMINATION OF THE  
20 CRUZAN MESA ROAD, THE REALIGNMENT OF WHITES CANYON ROAD ARE  
21 CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOTH THE STATE AND  
22 FEDERAL AGENCIES AND COUNTY STAFF. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN  
23 REVIEWED BY SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS: FIRE, HEALTH, PARKS,  
24 PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING AS WELL AS THE LOCAL WATER  
25 WHOLESALE AND PURVEYOR. THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THESE



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1 AGENCIES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.  
2 DUE TO THE RECENT FIRE AND STORM ACTIVITY UNRELATED TO THE  
3 PROJECT, THERE IS AN INCREDIBLE DEMAND FOR LOCATIONS TO  
4 DISPOSE OF THE SEDIMENT THAT ACCUMULATES BEHIND DAMS AND IN  
5 THE DEBRIS BASINS. THIS NEED IS PARTICULARLY GREAT IN AREAS  
6 NEAR THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST AND IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
7 VALLEY WHERE SUCH SITES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. FOR THIS REASON,  
8 AS A RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MY OFFICE AND COUNTY  
9 STAFF AND THE APPLICANT, THE PROJECT WILL BE CONDITIONED TO  
10 GRANT A SITE TO THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE  
11 DISPOSAL OF SEDIMENT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE BOARD'S ACTION  
12 APPROVING THE PROJECT. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
13 RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE, FOR APPROVAL IS APPROPRIATE GIVEN  
14 ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING, THE  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, AND THE  
16 PROPOSED PUBLIC AMENITIES. IN ADDITION, THOSE CONDITIONS OF  
17 APPROVAL AND TO ADDRESS VARIOUS ISSUES THAT INCLUDE PROVIDING  
18 A RANGE OF HOMES THAT REDUCE THE MASSING OF THE PROJECT, THE  
19 APPLICANT SHOULD INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: THE  
20 APPLICANT OR ITS SUCCESSOR SHALL GRANT A SITE AND FEE TITLE TO  
21 THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR A FUTURE SEDIMENT  
22 PLACEMENT SITE WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE BOARD'S APPROVAL  
23 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT 060922 AND THE SIZE OF THE LOCATION OF  
24 THE SITE SHALL BE TO THE SATISFACTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF



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1 SECTION 77477.5 OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP. ACT. WITHIN EACH PHASE  
2 OF THE DEPARTMENT, THAT INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL LOTS, THERE SHALL  
3 BE AT LEAST THREE DISTINCT HOUSE DESIGNS TO THE SATISFACTION  
4 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. HOUSES SHALL BE  
5 LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF NO MORE THAN TWO STORIES AND 25 FEET  
6 IN HEIGHT. FOR TWO-STORY HOMES ON THE TWO SIDES OF THE SECOND  
7 STORY NOT THE FRONT AND BACK, THE SECOND STORY MUST BE SET  
8 BACK TO A MINIMUM OF ONE FOOT FROM THE EDGE OF THE FIRST STORY  
9 FOR EVERY TWO FEET OF HEIGHT OF THE SECOND STORY. THERE SHALL  
10 BE NO MORE THAN ONE GARAGE FOR EACH HOUSE AND THE GARAGE SHALL  
11 NOT EXCEED 26 FEET IN WIDTH. FOR HOUSES WITH ATTACHED GARAGES,  
12 THE GARAGES SHALL BE SETBACK AT LEAST 6 FEET FROM THE FRONT OF  
13 THE HOUSE, FROM THE FACE OF THE HOUSE. WITHIN EACH PHASE OF  
14 THE PROJECT THAT INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL LOTS, 20 PERCENT AT  
15 LEAST OF THE UNITS SHALL HAVE A DETACHED GARAGE LOCATED TOWARD  
16 THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY INTERSPERSED AMONGST THE HOUSES WITH  
17 ATTACHED GARAGES. A TOTAL OF 3 NATIVE DROUGHT-TOLERANT TREES,  
18 15-GALLON OR LARGER SHALL BE PLANTED ON EACH LOT AND REVISED  
19 CONDITION 1 OF TRAIL CONDITIONS AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENT  
20 LETTER OF NOVEMBER 20TH, 2009 TO REQUIRE THAT DEPARTMENTAL  
21 APPROVAL TRAIL ALIGNMENT POSTING OF BONDS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS  
22 ALL OCCUR PRIOR TO THE RECORDATION OF THE FIRST FINAL MAP.  
23 THEREFORE I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE HEARING, CERTIFYING THAT  
24 THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ADDENDUM TO THE  
25 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE



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1 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND THE BOARD HAS  
2 REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE  
3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, THE ADDENDUM TO MITIGATION  
4 MONITORING PROGRAM, THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE  
5 STANDARD OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
6 REPORT AND ADDENDUM REFLECTS INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE  
7 BOARD, CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND  
8 ADOPT THE ADDENDUM, SIGNIFYING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO APPROVE  
9 THE PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
10 COMMISSION, DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY  
11 DOCUMENTS TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN, AMENDMENT TO DELETE  
12 CRUZAN MESA ROAD AND REALIGN WHITES CANYON ROAD AS RECOMMENDED  
13 BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
14 PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS TO APPROVE THE C.U.P. OAK  
15 TREE PERMIT, HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT  
16 MAP. NO. 060922, INCORPORATING THE ABOVE REFERENCED CHANGES TO  
17 THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND BRING THE FINDINGS AND  
18 CONDITIONS BACK TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT MOTION IS BEFORE US.  
21 SECOND. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT  
22 MOTION. OKAY. THAT TAKES CARE OF ITEM NO. 7. ARE WE READY ON  
23 6? ITEM NO. 8.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS A DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO.  
2 R2008-01962-(2). CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 200800163-(2)  
3 AND CONSIDERATION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 200800115-(2) TO AUTHORIZE THE  
5 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A SCRAP METAL YARD IN THE  
6 FIRESTONE PARK ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY BAHRAM BAKHSI,  
7 THERE IS DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
8 SUBMITTED AND THERE ARE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **MARK CHILD:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS  
13 MARK CHILD. I'M A SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER FOR THE ZONING  
14 PERMITS 1 SECTION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM  
15 NO. 8 IS AN APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S  
16 APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SCRAP METAL YARD AT 9113  
17 SOUTH ALAMEDA STREET IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THE  
18 GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION FOR THE PROPERTY IS I, WHICH IS MAJOR  
19 INDUSTRIAL. IT'S ZONED M2, HEAVY MANUFACTURING. IN THE M2  
20 ZONE, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO OPERATE A SCRAP  
21 METAL YARD. THERE WERE THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE  
22 PLANNING COMMISSION ON THIS PROJECT, DECEMBER 9TH, 2009,  
23 JANUARY 10TH, 2010, AND APRIL 14TH, 2010. AT THE APRIL 14TH  
24 HEARING, THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDED TESTIMONY AND BY A  
25 VOTE OF 4-0 APPROVED THE REQUEST. ONE COMMISSIONER WAS ABSENT.





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1 THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HAS BEEN  
2 APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD BY WILLIAMS RECYCLING COMPANY. THEY  
3 CITE TRAFFIC CONCERNS THAT THE PROJECT IS TOO SMALL TO OPERATE  
4 A SCRAP METAL YARD ON THIS PROPERTY AND THAT HAZARDOUS  
5 MATERIALS WILL BE ALLOWED ON SITE, AND THIS IS THE REASON FOR  
6 FILING THEIR APPEAL. THE APPROVAL-- EXCUSE ME-- THE PROPOSAL  
7 IS TO USE A 32,000 SQUARE FOOT VACANT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AT  
8 THE CORNER OF ALAMEDA AND 92ND STREET FOR A SCRAP METAL YARD.  
9 A SCRAP METAL YARD SHOULDN'T BE CONFUSED WITH A RECYCLING  
10 FACILITY, WHICH TYPICALLY ACCEPTS C.R.V. AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD  
11 RECYCLABLE PROJECTS. THE ZONING CODE TREATS THESE USES  
12 DIFFERENTLY. SCRAP METAL YARDS RECEIVE SALVAGE METALS THAT ARE  
13 SORTED AND THEN TAKEN OFF-SITE FOR REMELTING AT STEEL MILLS  
14 AND FOUNDRIES. THE PROPOSED OPERATION WOULD INCLUDE RAMPS AND  
15 A BOBCAT LOADER TO UNLOAD MATERIALS FROM DEPOSITING TRUCKS.  
16 THE SCRAP METALS WILL BE SORTED INTO PILES AND LOADED INTO  
17 SHIPPING CARGO CONTAINERS, LARGE SEMI TRUCKS WOULD HAUL AWAY  
18 THE SHIPPING CONTAINERS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THIS SITE IS  
19 SURROUNDED BY OTHER M2-ZONED PROPERTIES ON ALL SIDES. THE USE  
20 SURROUNDING THE PROPERTIES INCLUDE POWER TRANSMISSION LINES  
21 AND A PLANT NURSERY, THE ALAMEDA RAIL CORRIDOR, WAREHOUSES,  
22 AUTOMOBILE DISMANTLING YARDS AND OTHER SCRAP METAL YARDS.  
23 BEFORE TAKING THEIR ACTION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERED  
24 THAT THE SITE PLAN AND OPERATIONS PLAN HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY  
25 PLANNING STAFF AND STAFF FROM CONSULTING DEPARTMENTS AND THAT



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1 THESE PLANS MET ZONING STANDARDS FOR SCRAP METAL YARDS AND  
2 OTHER RELEVANT CODE SECTIONS INCLUDING PARKING. THE PLANNING  
3 COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS THE  
4 APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT UNDER C.E.Q.A. REPORTING  
5 REQUIREMENTS BECAUSE THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT  
6 EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THROUGH THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND  
7 PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS, THE COMMISSION RECEIVED OPPOSING  
8 TESTIMONY FROM A NUMBER OF LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES WHO  
9 SHARE THE CONCERNS OF WILLIAMS RECYCLING. THIS CONCLUDES THE  
10 STAFF REPORT AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.  
11 ANYTHING ELSE?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES, DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THE  
14 PUBLIC FIRST?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, WE'LL READ FROM THE PUBLIC FIRST THEN  
17 I'LL READ MY MOTION.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL BEGIN WITH B.J. MCELMORE FOLLOWED BY  
20 ROBIN ROBINSON. MONA HOWERTON, YOEL DAGMY. PLEASE JOIN US. MR.  
21 MCELMORE?

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23 **B.J. MCELMORE:** GOOD MORNING. I'M B.J. MCELMORE AND I'M OPPOSED  
24 TO THE SCRAP METAL BUSINESS TO GO THERE ON 92ND AND ALAMEDA.  
25 I'M A RESIDENT. AND I HAVE PROPERTY THERE ON 92ND STREET. AND



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1 WE HAVE NO PROTECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS THERE. IT'S HAZARDOUS  
2 TO OUR HEALTH, OUR HOMES, OUR GARDENS AND OUR ANIMALS. WE  
3 DON'T NEED ANY ADDITIONAL METALS THERE. WE HAVE WORKED OUT  
4 WITH WILLIAMS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING BUSINESS THAT HAS NOT  
5 AFFECTED US AS MUCH AS IT HAS IN THE PAST. SO I AM OPPOSED TO  
6 ANOTHER BUSINESS TO COME THERE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ROBIN ROBINSON?

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10 **ROBIN ROBINSON:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ROBIN ROBINSON, I'M  
11 THE CORPORATE COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR FOR S.A. RECYCLING. THE  
12 SCRAP METAL RECYCLING HAS, OVER THE PAST 70 YEARS, BECOME ONE  
13 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL GREEN INDUSTRIES IN THE  
14 UNITED STATES. STARTING FROM JUNK YARDS THAT LOOK LIKE  
15 LANDFILLS TO THE STATE-OF-THE-ART RECYCLING FACILITIES, THE  
16 SCRAP METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY HAS GROWN AND IMPROVED.  
17 RECYCLING INDUSTRY NATIONWIDE EXPORTS OVER \$90 BILLION OF  
18 SCRAP METAL ANNUALLY. RECYCLING IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PART  
19 OF OUR ECONOMY, BUT IT MUST BE PROPERLY REGULATED. THE SCRAP  
20 METAL INDUSTRY HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE OF SEVERAL  
21 REASONS. SCRAP METAL RECYCLING REDUCES GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS BY  
22 REQUIRING 90 PERCENT LESS ENERGY TO MANUFACTURE PRODUCTS FROM  
23 RECYCLEABLES THAN VIRGIN OIL OR BY AVOIDING LANDFILLING.  
24 NUMBER 2, ENVIRONMENT REGULATIONS PROVIDE CLEANER AIR AND  
25 WATER BY MANDATING THE REMOVAL OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS



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1 MATERIALS AND KEEPING THEM OUT OF THE AIR, STORM WATER,  
2 WATERWAYS AND OUR LANDFILLS. METAL SEPARATION TECHNOLOGY HAS  
3 ADVANCED TO THE POINT WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO SEPARATE OUT A  
4 COPPER WIRE THE THICKNESS OF A HUMAN HAIR. AND THE LIST GOES  
5 ON. WE NEED TO KEEP THE SCRAP METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY MOVING  
6 FORWARD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY AND NOT RETURNING TO THE TYPE OF  
7 POLLUTING JUNK YARDS THAT LINED ALAMEDA FOR DECADES. WE MUST  
8 GUARANTEE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCRAP METAL RECYCLING  
9 PROCESS ARE COMPLIANT, COMPETITIVE AND WHOSE FACILITIES CAN  
10 GUARANTEE THAT THE RECEIVING, HANDLING, PROCESSING AND  
11 SHIPMENT OF RECLAIMED MATERIAL IS DONE SAFELY AND ACCORDING TO  
12 ALL FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY LAWS AND REGULATIONS. THE  
13 RESIDENTS AND ENVIRONMENT OF THIS COUNTY MUST BE PROTECTED.  
14 THIS CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD  
15 PLANNING STANDARDS THAT ADDRESS TODAY'S NEEDS AND CORRECTS  
16 YESTERDAY'S MISTAKES. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO FOLLOW  
17 THE LEAD OF CITIES LIKE CARSON, SOUTHGATE, IRWINDALE AND SAN  
18 DIEGO BY REQUIRING THAT RECYCLING FACILITIES BE PROPERLY  
19 DEFINED IN THEIR SIZE AND DESIGN, TO CONFORM TO THE DESIGNATED  
20 RECYCLING FUNCTION. THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN  
21 YARDS THAT HANDLE SMALL PICKUP TRUCK LOADS OF HOUSEHOLD SCRAP  
22 METAL AND THOSE THAT HANDLE INDUSTRIAL-SIZE SCRAP THAT ARRIVE  
23 AND LEAVE IN 40-FOOT CONTAINERS. MORE MODERN ZONING ORDINANCES  
24 ARE NEEDED SO THESE DIFFERENCES ARE ADDRESSED IN ORDER TO  
25 PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY YARDS. SMALLER



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1 YARDS LIKE THE ONE PROPOSED IS GOOD FOR THE INDUSTRY BUT IT  
2 CANNOT HANDLE SCRAP METAL AS PROPOSED. IT IS OUR FEELING THAT  
3 A YARD LIKE THIS ONE CANNOT REMAIN COMPLIANT AND COMPETITIVE  
4 IN TODAY'S DIFFICULT MARKETPLACE. IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE STEEL  
5 SCRAP, THIS YARD WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO HANDLE A HANDFUL OF  
6 CUSTOMERS WITHOUT BACKING UP TRAFFIC ONTO ALAMEDA. THEIR  
7 PROPOSED RECEIVING, STAGING AND SHIPPING AREA IS LESS THAN 20  
8 PERCENT OF THE ALREADY CONGESTED AREA. THIS YARD AND OTHERS  
9 LIKE IT ARE JUST TOO SMALL FOR THE TYPE OF RECYCLING THAT THEY  
10 PROPOSE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. HOWERTON?

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14 **MONA HOWERTON:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MONA HOWERTON. I  
15 REPRESENT WINDS RECYCLING, A SCRAP YARD IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER  
16 30 YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE LAST  
17 HEARINGS AND CHARACTERIZED AS A BAD COMPETITOR THROUGHOUT THE  
18 PROCESS AS I FEEL THAT MAYBE IT'S A WAY TO DEFLECT THE REAL  
19 ISSUES IN OUR INDUSTRY. WE ARE A REASONABLE BUSINESS. WE ARE  
20 ALWAYS TRYING TO COOPERATE AND WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO STAY IN  
21 COMPLIANCE WITH OUR HEAVILY REGULATED BUSINESS JUST IN L.A. TO  
22 OPEN A NEW STEEL YARD, YOU NEED TO OPEN UP WITHIN COMPLIANCE  
23 WITH ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES. THAT TAKES A FAIR AMOUNT OF  
24 CAPITAL IN TODAY'S WORLD. JUST THE SOPHISTICATED STORM DRAIN  
25 SYSTEMS YOU NEED, IT TAKES QUITE A BIT. YOU NEED TO HAVE LARGE



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1 PROCESSING EQUIPMENT IF YOU'RE IN THE STEEL BUSINESS AND LARGE  
2 PROCESSING CUTTING EQUIPMENT MEANS YOU NEED 75-FOOT CLEARANCES  
3 BETWEEN YOUR EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC. THIS SCRAP YARD THAT IS  
4 APPLYING, THEY HAVE A 40-FOOT AREA TO PROCESS. SO I DON'T  
5 UNDERSTAND HOW THAT MAY WORK. I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE ABOUT  
6 THE CONDITIONS GIVEN TO THE APPLICANT IN THE HEARINGS.  
7 CONDITION 34 IS A FLAGMAN PROCEDURE WHERE THERE'S GOING TO BE  
8 A FLAGMAN ON ALAMEDA FLAGGING IN THEIR TRAFFIC AND THEIR  
9 TRUCKS. THIS ISN'T ACCEPTABLE TO US. AND MAYBE YOU COULD LOOK  
10 AT IT AS A COMPETITOR SAYING THIS. WE'D BE FORCED TO IMPLEMENT  
11 OUR OWN FLAGMEN OUT THERE JUST TO PROTECT OUR NORMAL TRAFFIC  
12 THAT WE HAVE TO OUR SITE. CONDITION 38 IS ALLOWING THEM TO  
13 ACCEPT APPLIANCES, WHICH IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THEIR  
14 CONDITION 37, WHICH IS SAYING THEY'RE PROHIBITED FROM  
15 RECEIVING MATERIALS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL HANDLING. APPLIANCES  
16 JUST IN THEMSELVES ARE HAZARDOUS AS TO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO WITH  
17 THEM AND THE HANDLING. CONDITION 13 IS A DROP AREA ON THE SITE  
18 PLAN THAT THEY'RE RESTRICTED TO. AND IT'S ABOUT A 4,000 SQUARE  
19 FOOT AREA WHERE THEY'RE EXPECTED TO STORE, SORT AND PROCESS  
20 ALL THEIR MATERIALS. THIS IS UNENFORCEABLE AND IT IS UNSAFE.  
21 JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, A SEMI TRUCK IS ABOUT 60 FEET, IS  
22 LARGER THAN THE AREA THEY HAVE TO PROCESS IN. THE OTHER THING  
23 IS THE TRUCKS ALL HAVE TO EXIT, ALL THE TRUCKS AND PUBLIC  
24 PEOPLE HAVE TO EXIT ON 92ND STREET. OUR GATE IS APPROXIMATELY  
25 30 FEET AWAY FROM THEIR GATE. WHAT THIS MEANS, IT HAS A DIRECT





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1 IMPACT ON OUR FLOW IN AND OUT. AND SCRAP IS A VERY HIGH VOLUME  
2 INDUSTRY. THERE WILL BE A LOT OF TRAFFIC. WHAT WE'D LIKE TO  
3 ASK YOU IS THAT YOU LOOK AT THE STANDARDS ON NEIGHBORING  
4 CITIES THAT WE COME UP WITH SOME NEW STANDARDS FOR OUR  
5 INDUSTRY THAT WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH. MOST OF THE YARDS ARE IN  
6 COMPLIANCE, BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE ALMOST ABLE TO OPEN UP YARDS  
7 BECAUSE IT'S A WHOLE NEW THING THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT EDUCATED IN  
8 AND KNOWING THE ISSUES. SO WE'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE A BREAK, A  
9 PAUSE AND JUST UNDERSTAND SOME OF WHAT IT TAKES TO COMPLY AND  
10 BE A SCRAP YARD. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. DAGMY.

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14 **YOEL DAGMY:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS YOEL DAGMY, I'M THE  
15 I.S.R.I WEST COAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT. I'VE BEEN IN THE SCRAP  
16 BUSINESS FOR 37 YEARS, DURING WHICH I BUILT, DESIGNED AND  
17 MANAGED MANY SCRAP YARDS, INCLUDING DISMANTLING SHIPS. I.S.R.I  
18 HAS APPROXIMATELY 1,500 COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY WELL OVER  
19 100,000 PEOPLE. WE ARE THE ORIGINAL RECYCLERS AND MAJOR  
20 EXPORTERS OF FERROUS AND NONFERROUS MATERIAL IN THE UNITED  
21 STATES, TOTALING ANYWHERE FROM 55 TO \$85 BILLION. THIS IS NOT  
22 JUST A LOCAL PROBLEM BUT IT'S A NATIONAL PROBLEM. THAT IS WHY  
23 THERE IS ALL THESE NEW LAWS. FOR EXAMPLE, METAL THEFT,  
24 RADIATION CONTAMINATION, STORM WATER, SAFETY STANDARDS,  
25 A.Q.N.D. AND MORE. WE MUST BRING THOSE SCRAP YARDS INTO THE



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1 21ST CENTURY. THIS IS WHY MANY CITIES SET UP STANDARDS FOR  
2 RECYCLING YARDS SUCH AS THE CORRECT SIZE NEEDED, MINIMUM  
3 SETBACKS FOR PROCESSING MATERIALS, BLOCK WALLS, ADEQUATE  
4 PARKING FOR WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC, AND SOME CITIES DON'T EVEN  
5 ALLOW SCRAP YARDS. WE SPENT \$2 BILLION OR MORE TO FIX THE  
6 ALAMEDA CORRIDOR, AND NOW I SEE YOU ARE ALLOWING SOME  
7 COMPANIES ON ALAMEDA TO HAVE FLAGMEN. I ENCOURAGE SOME OF YOU  
8 COULD DRIVE UP AND DOWN ALAMEDA AND SEE WHAT THOSE FLAGMEN ARE  
9 DOING AND HOW THEY ARE DELAYING TRAFFIC. AND I REALLY WOULD  
10 LOVE TO SEE SOME OF YOU VISIT SOME OF THE SCRAP YARDS ON  
11 ALAMEDA STREET THAT ARE BEING OPERATED PROPERLY WITH THE RIGHT  
12 EQUIPMENT, WITH ALL SAFETY PROCEDURES PUT IN PLACE. AND IF YOU  
13 GET A CHANCE, YOU SHOULD VISIT ONE OF THE EXPORT FACILITIES ON  
14 TERMINAL ISLAND. THERE IS TWO FACILITIES DOWN THERE. IN MY  
15 OPINION, THE SCRAP YARD IN QUESTION IS TOO SMALL AND IT IS NOT  
16 SAFE TO OPERATE A FULL-FLEDGED FERROUS AND NONFERROUS  
17 FACILITY. FURTHERMORE, IT WILL CREATE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON  
18 ALAMEDA STREET. I STRONGLY URGE THAT BEFORE ISSUING PERMITS,  
19 YOU CONSIDER THESE REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL  
20 RECYCLERS FOLLOW FEDERAL, LOCAL AND STATE RULES AND  
21 REGULATIONS. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. CIACCIO, I HOPE THAT'S  
24 CORRECT. ALEX DEGOOD, JOHN RODRIGUEZ AND JANA KANNER. I  
25 APOLOGIES FOR MISPRONOUNCING YOUR NAME. WHAT IS IT?



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2     **ROBERT CIACCIO:** IT'S CHA-CHO.

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4     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT BY ME.

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6     **ROBERT CIACCIO:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. EVERYBODY DOES IT.

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8     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY YOU MAY BEGIN.

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10    **ROBERT CIACCIO:** THANK YOU. I REPRESENT WILLIAMS RECYCLING. I'M  
11    THEIR COUNSEL. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE'S ANY DISPUTE, EVEN  
12    FROM REGIONAL PLANNING, THAT THIS LOT LACKS THE PROPER SIZE  
13    AND THAT IT WILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC ISSUES ON ALAMEDA.  
14    THUS THE CONDITIONS AND THE RECOGNITION FROM REGIONAL PLANNING  
15    THAT A FLAGMAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO CURB THE TRAFFIC ON ALAMEDA  
16    AND THAT CERTAIN ENTRANCES AND EXITS BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO  
17    THWART THE UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC. WILLIAMS RECYCLING, AS MANY  
18    OTHERS, IS NOT HERE AS A COMPETITOR TO THWART FAIR  
19    COMPETITION. THEY ARE HERE TO POLICE THEIR OWN INDUSTRY AND  
20    AGENCY WHICH IS REQUIRED. ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS CAN BE PLACED ON  
21    MANY OF THESE SCRAP YARDS, THE ULTIMATE ABILITY TO ENFORCE  
22    THESE CONDITIONS LIES WITH THE INDUSTRY ITSELF. IN TERMS OF  
23    THE INITIAL STUDY SUBMITTED WITH RESPECT TO THE C.E.Q.A.  
24    ISSUES, I BELIEVE THAT THE INITIAL STUDY LACKS SUFFICIENT  
25    EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE DETERMINATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS THAT



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1 WERE REACHED IN THE ACTUAL APPLICATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE  
2 VERY LITTLE ISSUES ADDRESSING TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENTAL. WE HAVE  
3 SITUATIONS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, LIQUEFACTION AND  
4 ABSOLUTELY NONE OF THESE ISSUES WERE ADDRESSED BY ANY OF THE  
5 UNDERLYING AGENCIES. THESE UNDERLYING AGENCIES SIMPLY  
6 SUBMITTED CONCLUSIONARY STATEMENTS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT SUPPORT  
7 OF THE INITIAL STUDY, WHICH IS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY C.E.Q.A.  
8 I BELIEVE THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ADDITION OF A SCRAP YARD  
9 WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE  
10 SURROUNDING AREA. I BELIEVE THAT THE HEARINGS BEFORE REGIONAL  
11 PLANNING PROPERLY IDENTIFY AND IN RECOGNITION THAT THESE  
12 PROBLEMS DO EXIST AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST IN THE ABSENCE OF  
13 ANY TYPE OF REGULATION, THUS THE NUMEROUS CONDITIONS THAT WERE  
14 PLACED ON THE OPERATION. I THINK THAT TO PUT IT SUCCINCT, THAT  
15 THIS YARD IS CLEARLY TOO SMALL. IT'S CLEARLY TOO SMALL TO  
16 OPERATE IN THE WAY THAT THEY WISH TO OPERATE, TAKING ON BOTH  
17 NONFERROUS AND FERROUS METALS. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS CLEAR AND  
18 UNEQUIVOCAL THAT THERE WILL BE A TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON ALAMEDA, A  
19 HIGHLY TRAFFICKED AREA AS IT IS NOW. AND TO SIMPLY SAY, LET'S  
20 PUT FLAGMEN OUT THERE TO WAVE CARS ON AND OFF IS AN  
21 UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION THAT THAT WILL DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS  
22 AT HAND. IN ADDITION, I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL  
23 UNANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT RISE FROM THE INITIAL STUDY THAT  
24 WOULD REQUIRE THE INVESTIGATING AGENCIES TO SUBMIT



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1 DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE CONCLUSIONS THAT IT'S REACHED IN  
2 THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE STUDY ITSELF. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. DEGOOD.

5

6 **ALEX DEGOOD:** GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS ALEX  
7 DEGOOD, I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE LAW FIRM OF JEFFER, MANGELS,  
8 BUTLER AND MARMARO, REPRESENTING THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT 9113  
9 ALAMEDA AND THE OPERATORS, AS WELL OF THE SCRAP YARD. YOU'RE  
10 HEARING TESTIMONY THAT'S FAIRLY GENERALIZED TESTIMONY ABOUT  
11 THE SCRAP INDUSTRY, AND YOU'RE HEARING IT FROM OPERATORS WHO  
12 OPERATE MUCH BIGGER YARDS THAT DO THINGS THAT WE'RE JUST NOT  
13 PROPOSING TO DO ON THIS SITE. YOU'RE HEARING FROM FOLKS THAT  
14 DO LARG RECYCLING OPERATIONS, THAT TAKE IN MATERIALS THAT WELL  
15 NOT BE TAKING IN THAT INDEED WE'RE CONDITIONED THAT WE CANNOT  
16 TAKE IN. THIS YARD IS OBVIOUSLY NOT AS LARGE AS A LOT OF THESE  
17 SURROUNDING YARDS. BUT TO SUGGEST THAT AFTER MONTHS AND MONTHS  
18 OF VERY DETAILED STAFF INVESTIGATION BY PLANNING, BY PUBLIC  
19 WORKS, TO SUGGEST AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF HIGHLY DETAILED  
20 OPERATIONS, TRAFFIC PLANS, SITE PLANS THAT OUTLINE EXACTLY HOW  
21 THIS SITE IS TO OPERATE, EXACTLY HOW TRAFFIC IS TO FLOW  
22 THROUGH, THAT SOMEHOW PLANNING OR PUBLIC WORKS OR OTHER  
23 AGENCIES HAVEN'T DONE INVESTIGATIONS, THAT AFTER THREE  
24 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS IN WHICH THE COMMISSION  
25 WAS HIGHLY ENGAGED, CONTINUED TO MATTER A COUPLE TIMES BECAUSE



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1 THEY WANTED MORE INFORMATION FROM STAFF AND MORE INFORMATION  
2 FROM THE APPLICANT, TO SUGGEST THAT SOMEHOW MORE STUDY NEEDS  
3 TO BE DONE I THINK IS NOT CORRECT. AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THE  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL, AS WELL. THIS IS A CLEAN SITE. IT'S HAD  
5 PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETED A COUPLE YEARS  
6 AGO. THERE WAS SOME MINOR REMEDIATION DONE. THERE WAS  
7 ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE WERE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 ISSUES WITH THIS SITE. IT'S A PARCEL IN THE MIDDLE OF AN  
9 INDUSTRIAL ZONE. BUT OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, PLANNING,  
10 PUT A CONDITION ON THAT THE APPLICANT SHOULD WORK WITH COUNTY  
11 FIRE THROUGH HAZMAT TO DO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION. THAT  
12 INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WHAT WE KNEW GOING IN, THIS  
13 WAS A CLEAN SITE AND HAZMAT HAS JUST ISSUED A LETTER THAT  
14 THEY'RE GOING TO CLEAR THE SITE AND REQUIRE NO ADDITIONAL  
15 REMEDIATION OR INVESTIGATION. IRONICALLY, THIS SITE, THIS  
16 RELATIVELY SMALL SITE ON A CORNER PROPERTY WHERE TRAFFIC CAN  
17 TRAVEL IN OFF OF ALAMEDA AND EXIT ONTO 92ND, SO WE HAVE A  
18 NATURAL TRAFFIC FLOW, THAT MANY OF THE YARDS AROUND US DON'T  
19 HAVE BECAUSE EVERYTHING HAS TO ENTER AND EXIT OFF OF ONE  
20 STREET. FOR INSTANCE, WILLIAMS RECYCLING NEXT DOOR, EVERYTHING  
21 HAS TO ENTER AND EXIT OFF OF 92ND STREET. THAT DOES CREATE A  
22 FEW TRAFFIC PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE BECAUSE OUR  
23 CIRCULATION IS ACTUALLY SET UP MUCH BETTER BECAUSE WE'RE ON A  
24 CORNER PROPERTY. AND THIS ISSUE OF A FLAGMAN WAS SOMETHING  
25 THAT PLANNING CAME TO US AND SAID "JUST TO BE SAFE, WOULD YOU



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1 BE WILLING TO HAVE A FLAGMAN OUT THERE TO WAVE AWAY TRAFFIC IF  
2 THINGS STARTED TO GET BACKED UP"? THAT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT  
3 THAT SURROUNDING SCRAP YARDS HAVE. AND THEY CAN BACK UP  
4 TRAFFIC AND DON'T HAVE TO MOVE IT ON. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DO  
5 THAT. WE'VE HAD MORE REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON US THAN ANY  
6 SURROUNDING OPERATOR. AND THIS HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED MORE THAN  
7 SURROUNDING OPERATORS. AND I SUBMIT THAT THIS PROJECT CAN WORK  
8 HERE. IT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. AND WE WILL CERTAINLY COMPLY WITH  
9 ALL THOSE CONDITIONS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. IS JANA KENNER HERE OR  
12 NOT? NO? ALL RIGHT, MR. RODRIGUEZ

13

14 **JOHN RODRIGUEZ:** YES. FIRST OF ALL I'D SAY THANK YOU FOR  
15 HEARING US TODAY. MY NAME IS JOHN RODRIGUEZ. I AM AN APPLICANT  
16 AND I WILL BE RUNNING THE SCRAP METAL YARD ON 92ND AND  
17 ALAMEDA. WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH EVERY ASPECT OF EVERY NOTICE  
18 THAT ANYONE HAS GIVEN TO US. NUMEROUS YEARS HAVE GONE BY. I  
19 APPLIED FOR THIS IN OCTOBER OF 2008. I UNDERSTAND THE TIMING  
20 THAT IT TAKES TO GENERATE THE APPROVAL. BUT I HAVE GONE  
21 THROUGH THREE HEARINGS, ALL WHICH I HAVE BEEN FORCED TO EXTEND  
22 AND SHOW MORE PROOF THAT MY SCRAP YARD WILL WORK. WE HAVE BEEN  
23 IN THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH OTHER COMPANIES FOR 15,  
24 20 PLUS YEARS. WE'RE REPUTABLE WITH C.H.P. WE'RE CONTRACTED  
25 WITH A.A.A. WITH THE TOWING YARD IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE DONE





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1 VERY WELL IN THIS AREA AND WE'D LIKE TO CONTINUE TO OPEN  
2 ANOTHER COMPANY. I HAVE BEEN BLOCKADED BY OTHER COMPANIES AND  
3 OTHER RECYCLING YARDS TO PRETTY MUCH FORCE ME OUT IN A  
4 FINANCIAL WAY. THEY ARE PROLONGING AS MUCH AS THEY CAN MY  
5 APPROVAL. AND THEY ARE TRYING TO HINDER THE JUDGMENT OF MY  
6 APPROVAL. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I HAVE COMPLIED WITH  
7 EVERY RULE. I HAVE COMPLIED WITH EVERY PERMIT, ANYTHING HAS  
8 EVER ASKED OF ME. ANY COMMITTEE, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
9 WORKS TO THE PLANNING, I COME MID. I HAVE NEVER BEEN COY WITH  
10 ANYBODY. I HAVE DONE EXACTLY WHAT THEY HAVE ASKED. NO  
11 QUESTIONS ASKED. SET IN STONE AND I'VE DONE IT. AND I WOULD  
12 JUST LIKE TO HEAR AN APPROVAL TODAY. IT'S COMING ON TWO YEARS  
13 FOR ME OPENING UP THIS COMPANY. NOT ONLY THE FINANCIAL STRAIN  
14 BUT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT IT INVOLVED IN OPENING A BUSINESS HAS  
15 BEEN -- HAS PUT A STRAIN ON EVERYTHING. SO I'D JUST LIKE TO  
16 SAY THAT CAN WE PLEASE REVIEW ALL THE INFORMATION AND WE THINK  
17 THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD AND OPEN UP THIS  
18 BUSINESS AND DO VERY WELL IN THE AREA.

19  
20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MA'AM?

21  
22 **JANA KANNER:** I'M JANA KANNER, I AM THE DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER  
23 OF THIS PROPERTY. MR. BAKHSHI, DON, ARE OUR TENANTS. THEY HAVE  
24 COMPLIED WITH ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING ASKED OF THEM: REGIONAL  
25 PLANNING, HAZMAT, I'M SORRY THAT OUR COMPETITORS DO NOT WANT



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1 US IN BUSINESS, BUT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A PIECE OF PROPERTY  
2 ZONED FOR THIS TYPE OF A BUSINESS. AND THOUGH THEY FEEL WE'RE  
3 TOO SMALL OF A PIECE OF PROPERTY, I'M SURE THEY'D LICK OUR  
4 PROPERTY, I FEEL LIKE THEY SHOULD HAVE THEIR APPROVAL. THEY  
5 HAVE DONE EVERYTHING. THEY ARE WILLING TO COMPLY. THEY HAVE  
6 SATISFIED EVERY DEPARTMENT. THE ONLY DEPARTMENT THEY HAVEN'T  
7 SATISFIED IS OUR COMPETITORS. SO I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT  
8 YOU GUYS APPROVE THIS AND LET THIS MAN OPERATE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT  
11 CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. AND LET  
14 ME SAY THANK YOU TO THE PERSONS WHO CAME TO TESTIFY. AND I  
15 WILL READ IN THIS MOTION FOR THE RECORD. TODAY THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS IS BEING ASKED TO DENY A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
17 THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A SCRAP METAL PROCESSING YARD AT 9113  
18 ALAMEDA STREET IN THE M2 ZONE IN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. WHILE THE  
19 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE C.U.P. ON APRIL  
20 14TH, 2010, OUTSTANDING CONCERNS REMAIN REGARDING THE  
21 POTENTIAL SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL HAZARDS RELATED TO THE SMALL  
22 SIZE OF THE LOT. AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS, THE C.U.P. DOES NOT  
23 PROVIDE CLEARLY OUTLINED CONDITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS,  
24 DEMONSTRATE THE EFFICACY OF THE OPERATIONS OF TRAFFIC AND  
25 PARKING PLANS. THIS ISSUE IS REFLECTIVE OF A MORE SIGNIFICANT



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1 CONCERN ALONG THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR, WHICH IS HOME TO A  
2 MULTITUDE OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES.  
3 OVER 20 OF THESE BUSINESSES CURRENTLY OPERATE AS JUNK AND  
4 SALVAGE YARDS WHILE THESE FACILITIES PROVIDE A CRITICAL  
5 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH THE  
6 PROCESSING AND HANDLING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, A RECENT  
7 REVIEW OF THESE BUSINESSES REVEAL THAT OVER 80 PERCENT DO NOT  
8 CURRENTLY HAVE VALID PERMITS. C.U.P.S FOR THESE FACILITIES ARE  
9 FUNDAMENTAL IN REGULATING THE COMPLEX HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL  
10 AND SAFETY HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE. WHILE THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE  
12 TYPES OF USES, ADDITIONAL SOPHISTICATION AND COORDINATION WITH  
13 THE STATE-OF-THE-ART, STATE AND FEDERAL COUNTERPARTS MAY BE  
14 NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS AND  
15 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES ARE APPLIED. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL OCTOBER  
17 26TH, 2010 TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
18 PLANNING TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS  
19 TO THE C.U.P. THAT ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OUTLINED ABOVE  
20 REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL HAZARDS  
21 ASSOCIATED WITH THIS USE, INCLUDING ITS OPERATIONS, PARKING  
22 AND TRAFFIC ISSUES. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IN COORDINATION WITH THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO COMPLETE A  
25 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE C.U.P. REQUIREMENTS FOR SCRAP



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1 YARDS, REPORT BACK WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH THEIR FINDINGS AND  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, 1) AN EVALUATION OF  
3 EXISTING STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES CURRENTLY UTILIZED BY  
4 OTHER URBAN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, AND, 2) THE EFFICACY OF  
5 ESTABLISHING UPDATED DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES AND INTERAGENCY  
6 GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
7 DISTRICT, BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR OTHER ZONING  
8 MECHANISMS ALONG THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TO PROMOTE REGULATION OF  
9 THESE FACILITIES. THAT CONCLUDES THE MOTION AND I WOULD SEEK A  
10 SECOND.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE BASICALLY CONTINUING IT TO OCTOBER  
13 THE 26TH WITH THE IDEAS THAT YOU WANT TO COME BACK?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND? SO ORDERED ON THAT  
18 ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WE'LL GO BACK TO  
21 ITEM NO. 6. ITEM NO. 6 THIS IS HEARING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE  
22 COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE REGIONAL  
23 PLANNING COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
24 STANDARDS FOR HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREAS WITHIN THE ALTADENA  
25 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. AND THERE IS A DEPARTMENT



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1 STATEMENT. THIS IS ALSO TO CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION,  
2 AS WELL. AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. THERE  
3 IS ALSO SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

4

5 **MITCH GLAZER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MITCH GLAZER WITH THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM NO. 6 IS AN AMENDMENT TO  
7 THE COUNTY CODE TO AMEND THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
8 DISTRICT OR C.S.D. AS YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR, THE COUNTY CODE  
9 PROVIDES FOR C.S.D.S TO ADDRESS VARIOUS LAND USE DISTRICTS IN  
10 THE VARIOUS AREAS OF THE COUNTY THE COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA HAS  
11 HAD A C.S.D. FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, THE C.S.D DOES NOT  
12 ADDRESS THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT. THE COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA  
13 INCLUDES MANY HILLSIDE AREAS AS IT DIRECTLY ADJOINS THE SAN  
14 GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT CAN HAVE MANY  
15 POTENTIAL IMPACTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND AESTHETIC IMPACTS  
16 FOR VIEWS AND OTHER RESOURCES. THERE IS ALSO POTENTIAL SAFETY  
17 IMPACTS FROM LANDSLIDES AND FIRES, AS THIS IS AREAS NEAR THE  
18 NATIONAL FOREST. THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE WOULD ADDRESS  
19 THESE POTENTIAL IMPACTS THROUGH THREE PRIMARY COMPONENTS. THE  
20 FIRST COMPONENT IS TO REQUIRE DISCRETIONARY REVIEW FOR ALL  
21 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREAS, EITHER A  
22 MINOR C.U.P. OR A FULL C.U.P. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS  
23 REQUIREMENT WOULD BE ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING HOUSE OR NEW  
24 ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SUCH AS BARNs OR GARAGES. THIS PROCEDURE  
25 WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE RIGOROUS REVIEW AND IMPORTANTLY IT WOULD



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1 REQUIRE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC  
2 TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN THE DESIGN. THE SECOND  
3 COMPONENT OF THE ORDINANCE IS REGARDING GRADING. A FULL  
4 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ALL GRADING  
5 EXCEEDING 2,500 CUBIC YARDS. AGAIN A FULL CONDITIONAL USE  
6 PERMIT PROVIDES MORE RIGOROUS REVIEW AND ALSO ALLOWS FOR  
7 NOTIFICATION. APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR GRADING  
8 WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON FINDINGS THAT THE GRADING WOULD BE DONE  
9 IN THE SAFEST AND MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFEST MANNER AND THAT  
10 THE PROJECT WOULD MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THE C.S.D. THE THIRD  
11 AND FINAL COMPONENT DEALS WITH SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINES.  
12 SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINES IN THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN  
13 MAPPED AND WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE C.S.D. THE C.S.D.  
14 AMENDMENT WOULD REQUIRE THAT ANY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN 50  
15 HORIZONTAL OR 50 VERTICAL FEET OF A SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINE  
16 WOULD REQUIRE A FULL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. AGAIN MORE  
17 RIGOROUS REVIEW AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION. APPROVAL OF A  
18 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN A SIGNIFICANT RIDGE  
19 LINE AREA ALSO BE CONTINGENT ON FINDINGS THAT THERE'S A LACK  
20 OF OTHER SUITABLE SITES ON THE PROPERTY AND THAT THE PROJECT  
21 ALSO MEETS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE C.S.D. I SHOULD NOTE THAT THE  
22 REBUILD, REBUILDING OR CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING THAT WOULD  
23 BE DESTROYED BY A DISASTER WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THESE  
24 REQUIREMENTS. SO EXISTING HOMES WOULD BE ABLE TO BE REBUILT.  
25 THIS WAS BY THE ALTADENA HILLSIDE COMMUNITY. THE COMMITTEE



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1 INCLUDES SEVERAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AS WELL AS PROPERTY OWNER  
2 INTERESTS IN THE AREA. THE COMMITTEE DID EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON  
3 OTHER REGULATIONS AND CONDUCTED OUTREACH, INCLUDING TO SOME OF  
4 THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. AFTER THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED  
5 ITS WORK, THEY SUBMITTED THEIR DRAFT TO THE ALTADENA TOWN  
6 COUNCIL, WHICH IS AN ADVISORY BODY SERVING ALTADENA RESIDENTS.  
7 THE TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSED THE ORDINANCE AND IT WAS TURNED OVER  
8 TO REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF. STAFF WORKED WITH THE COMMITTEE TO  
9 MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE BEFORE PRESENTING IT AT  
10 A COMMUNITY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18TH, 2009. ALL PROPERTY  
11 OWNERS IN THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY WERE INVITED TO THIS MEETING.  
12 APPROXIMATELY 120 PEOPLE ATTENDED, AND THE GREAT MAJORITY  
13 ENDORSED THE STANDARDS. HOWEVER, A FEW ISSUES WERE RAISED AT  
14 THE MEETING THAT NECESSITATED ADJUSTMENTS. STAFF WORKED WITH  
15 THE ALTADENA HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO MAKE SOME  
16 ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS BEFORE PRESENTING TO IT THE REGIONAL  
17 PLANNING COMMISSION. THE ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED TO THE  
18 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 24TH, 2010. ALL  
19 PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE HILLSIDE AREA WERE NOTIFIED. AND THE  
20 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE  
21 UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD. AT THIS TIME, STAFF WOULD LIKE TO  
22 THANK THE ALTADENA HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. AS MENTIONED,  
23 THEY DID THE BULK OF THE WORK ON THIS, DID EXTENSIVE OUTREACH.  
24 IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH THEM. IN CONCLUSION, THIS  
25 MORNING'S STAFF REQUESTS THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT A NEGATIVE





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1 DECLARATION, APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING  
2 COMMISSION TO AMEND THE COUNTY CODE AS REFLECTED THE DRAFT  
3 ORDINANCE AND TO INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL  
4 ORDINANCE. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE  
7 VARIOUS PEOPLE WISH TO ADDRESS US. LET ME BEGIN BY ASKING  
8 MICHELE ZACK TO JOIN US, PATTY MULLIGAN. MARK GOLDSCHMIDT, AND  
9 BERNICE BROWNSWICK. MS. ZACK, IF YOU WOULD BEGIN?

10

11 **MICHELE ZACK:** THANK YOU. MY NAME'S MICHELE ZACK AND I WAS ON  
12 THE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. AND THROUGHOUT MOST OF THIS  
13 PROCESS I WAS ALSO ON THE TOWN COUNCIL. WE SUPPORT THIS  
14 ORDINANCE. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY IT WAS AN EXTREMELY  
15 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. WE CONTACTED-- I'M ALSO A TRAIL  
16 ACTIVIST. WE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE LARGE PIECES OF  
17 PROPERTY. WE TALKED TO TRAIL ADVOCATES. WE TALKED TO REGULAR  
18 PROPERTY OWNERS. AND I THINK THAT THIS ORDINANCE REALLY  
19 PROTECTS A LOT OF THE CULTURAL VALUE OF LIVING CLOSE TO THE  
20 MOUNTAINS WHILE ALSO NOT BEING TOO DRACONIAN FOR PROPERTY  
21 OWNERS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ALREADY LIVE THERE. BUT WITH THE  
22 CHANGE IN TECHNOLOGY AND THE RISE IN VALUE, WE FOUND THAT A  
23 LOT OF OUR FORMERLY UNBUILDABLE LOTS HAD BECOME BUILDABLE. AND  
24 SO WE TRIED TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WAS VERY FAIR TO



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1 EVERYONE CONCERNED. AND I THINK WE'VE DONE THAT AND I URGE YOU  
2 TO PASS IT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS MULLIGAN?

5

6 **PATTY MULLIGAN:** THANK YOU. I WAS A CHAIR OF THE HILLSIDE  
7 WORKING GROUP, AND I'M OBVIOUSLY IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDINANCE.  
8 WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2004.  
9 THIS STARTED OUT OF A GROUND TREE SPONSOR BY THE ALTADENA  
10 HERITAGE. OUR WORK BEGAN IN 2005. OUR GROUP WAS MADE UP OF A  
11 DIVERSE INTEREST AND OCCUPATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS. WE HAD  
12 ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, COMMUNITY PROPERTY OWNERS, LARGER  
13 PROPERTY OWNERS, ATTORNEYS. WE BEGAN BY MEETING ONCE A MONTH.  
14 WE LOOKED FIRST AT ORDINANCES THAT HAD BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT IN  
15 OTHER NEIGHBORING FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY GLENDORA,  
16 MONROVIA, SIERRA MADRE, GLENDALE AND PASADENA. AFTER THIS, WE  
17 HAD PRESENTATIONS BY BOTH REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE BUILDING  
18 AND SAFETY GROUP. THEY TALKED TO US ABOUT WHAT WAS IN  
19 EXISTENCE IN ALTADENA IN TERMS OF STANDARDS. THE PROCESS WE  
20 WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH IN DEVELOPING OUR OWN ORDINANCE, AND  
21 ALSO WHAT HAD BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT IN OTHER AREAS. BASED UPON  
22 THIS, WE DECIDED UPON THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AS OUR  
23 WORKING MODEL. WE FELT THAT IT WAS REASONABLE. IT INCORPORATED  
24 MANY OF THE CHANGES WE DEEMED NECESSARY. AND FROM HERE WE WENT  
25 TO WORK. ONCE WE CAME UP WITH WHAT WE BELIEVED TO BE A GOOD



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1 WORKING DRAFT, WE NOTIFIED SOME OF THE MAJOR LAND OWNERS,  
2 PROVIDED A PACKET TO THEM WITH THE SIGNIFICANT RIDGE LINES,  
3 THE CHANGES WE WERE PROPOSING, SOUGHT THEIR INPUT AND INVITED  
4 THEM TO MEETINGS. AFTER THAT, WE WENT TO LAND USE COMMUNITY,  
5 HAD PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH THEM, PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH TOWN  
6 COUNCIL; AND FROM THERE WE BEGAN OUR MEETINGS WITH REGIONAL  
7 PLANNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I BELIEVE THEY'VE DONE AN  
8 EXCELLENT JOB OF INCORPORATING OUR INTENT INTO THE PROPOSED  
9 ORDINANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. GOLDSCHMIDT

12

13 **MARK GOLDSCHMIDT:** MY NAME IS MARK GOLDSCHMIDT, I'M PRESIDENT  
14 OF ALTADENA HERITAGE. I'M DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF THE  
15 ORDINANCE. THIS WHOLE PROCESS STARTED IN 2004 WHEN FAMOUS  
16 PHOTOGRAPHER JULIUS SHULMAN ATTENDED ONE OF OUR EVENTS AND  
17 CASTIGATED US FOR PAYING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO INDIVIDUAL  
18 HOUSES AND SAID, "LOOK AT THOSE HILLS UP THERE." HE  
19 SAID, "THAT'S YOUR HERITAGE. I JUST DROVE BY GLENDALE, AND I  
20 SAW THOSE-- THAT SCRAPED OVER HILL JUST CLUSTERED WITH HOMES  
21 AND THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE PRETTY SOON IF YOU  
22 DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT." SO WE ARRANGED A COMMUNITY  
23 MEETING, A ROUND TABLE AT THE ALTADENA LIBRARY. HAD VARIOUS  
24 PEOPLE TALK ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS, WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.  
25 AND THAT'S WHEN WE FORMED THE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE



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1 HILLSIDE ORDINANCE. AND THAT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS OF FAIRLY  
2 REGULAR MEETINGS, AND A VERY CONSENSUS-BUILDING PROCESS. WE  
3 TALKED TO ALL KIND OF PEOPLE. WE TALKED TO THE LARGE LAND  
4 OWNERS WHO OWN LARGE PIECES OF LAND UP THERE IN THE HILLS AND  
5 WHO WOULD BE MOST AFFECTED BY SUCH AN ORDINANCE, TO TRY TO GET  
6 THEM ON BOARD AND TO CRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD TAKE IN  
7 THEIR CONCERNS. AND I THINK WE WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN DOING  
8 THAT. WE WERE VERY CONCERNED, NOT ONLY TRYING TO STOP  
9 DEVELOPMENT BUT TO TRY TO RETAIN THE LOOK AND THE RIDGE LINES.  
10 SO THE ORDINANCE IS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE LOOK EVEN WHILE  
11 ALLOWING SOME DEVELOPMENT. I STRONGLY URGE YOU. THIS HAS BEEN  
12 A LONG COMMUNITY PROCESS. WE'VE GOTTEN CONSENSUS, AMAZING  
13 CONSENSUS CONSIDERING THE KIND OF DIVERSE COMMUNITY THAT  
14 ALTADENA IS, AND I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE.  
15 THANK YOU. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MITCH GLAZER AND  
16 EMMA THOMAS ALSO FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORK AND THEIR TIME THAT  
17 THEY PUT IN TO HELP US. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. CAN I ASK GINO SUND TO  
20 JOIN US? GERALD BROWN AS WELL AS BOB GOINSS? MISS BROWNSWICK?

21

22 **BERNICE BROWNSWICK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BERNICE  
23 BROWNSWICK. I'M A RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. I MOVED INTO PASADENA  
24 IN 1966 AND I MOVED INTO ALTADENA IN 1972. AND THE ONE THING  
25 THAT STRUCK ME IN ALTADENA IS WHEN I DROVE UP THE FREEWAY AND



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1 SAW THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS. AND IT'S REALLY GREAT COMING HOME  
2 AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS THERE.  
3 I RAISED MY CHILDREN THERE. YOU CAN IMAGINE MY CONSTERNATION  
4 ONE DAY WHEN I CAME HOME AND FOUND THAT TWO, TWO-STORY HOMES  
5 HAD BEEN BUILT DIRECTLY IN BACK OF ME. I HAD NO IDEA THAT  
6 THESE HOMES WERE GOING UP. I HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED. I WENT TO  
7 THE TOWN COUNCIL AND LOOKED AT THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY  
8 STANDARDS AND FOUND OUT THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE A SECTION THAT  
9 COVERED HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT. THE COUNTY TRAIL THERE HAD BEEN  
10 VACATED, AND THESE HOMES HAD BEEN BUILT. THESE HOMES  
11 COMPROMISED THE PRIVACY OF THE PEOPLE THAT LIVED DIRECTLY IN  
12 FRONT OF THEM. BECAUSE THEY WERE TWO-STORY HOMES AND DID NOT  
13 COMPLY WITH THE ONE-STORY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA AND DID NOT  
14 COMPLY WITH THE OTHER HOMES IN THE AREA. THE HILLSIDE WAS  
15 EXCAVATED AND IT HAD CAUSED RUNOFF, RUNOFF FROM THE HILLSIDE  
16 DOWN TO THE PROPERTY BELOW. IT IS ALSO FIRE HAZARDS. WE'VE HAD  
17 TO EVACUATE A COUPLE OF TIMES BECAUSE OF THE HILLSIDE  
18 BUILDING. BECAUSE THE C.U.P. WAS NOT REQUIRED FOR THESE HOMES  
19 TO BE BUILT, THE PEOPLE'S HOMES AROUND IT WHO WERE AFFECTED BY  
20 IT WERE NOT NOTIFIED, SO THEY HAD NO INPUT IN WHAT WAS GOING  
21 ON. SO THIS ORDINANCE THAT WE'VE COME UP WITH WILL AT LEAST  
22 GIVE THE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AND TO HAVE  
23 SOME INPUT INTO WHAT IS GOING ON IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO  
24 THEY WOULD HAVE SOME SAY-SO I'M ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER  
25 APPROVAL OF THIS ORDINANCE SO THAT IT WILL PROTECT THE



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1 HILLSIDE AND ALSO GIVE A SMALL HOMEOWNER LIKE MYSELF AN  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INPUT IN WHAT IS BEING BUILT IN THE  
3 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD I ALSO ASK CLARENCE  
6 STUBBLEFIELD TO JOIN US AS WELL AS E.T. SNELL. MR. SUND?

7

8 **GINO SUND:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME IS GINO SUND,  
9 CHAIR OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL. I'VE COME HERE THIS  
10 MORNING TO ASK THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
11 ALTADENA HILLSIDE ORDINANCE. THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL LAND  
12 USE COMMITTEE AND THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL BOTH VOTED  
13 UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS ADDITION TO OUR  
14 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS A  
15 PRODUCT OF OVER THREE YEARS OF WORK BY THIS COMMUNITY HILLSIDE  
16 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED BY  
17 CONCERNED RESIDENTS TO PRESERVE THE MOUNTAINS AND RIDGE LINES  
18 THAT ARE SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE COMMITTEE  
19 WORKED IN AN INCLUSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE MANNER THAT SOUGHT  
20 OUT AND ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES IN  
21 THE PROCESS. THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CRAFTING OF THIS  
22 ORDINANCE INCLUDED: CONCERNED HILLSIDE RESIDENTS, THE ALTADENA  
23 TRAILS RESTORATION COMMITTEE, THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL,  
24 ALTADENA HERITAGE, THE ALTADENA FOOTHILL CONSERVANCY, THE  
25 MAJORITY OF THE LAND OWNERS IN OUR FOOTHILLS, AND OF COURSE



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1 THE STAFF AND COUNTYWIDE STUDIES. THE PRODUCT OF THIS LONG AND  
2 BROAD COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IS A WELL-RESEARCHED, A WELL  
3 THOUGHT OUT AND A VERY WELL HASHED OUT ORDINANCE THAT INCLUDES  
4 INPUT FROM EVERY SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDER IN ALTADENA. THE  
5 GOALS OF THE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE WERE ONE, TO PROVIDE  
6 INCREASED AND MEANINGFUL PROTECTION OF OUR HILLSIDES AND RIDGE  
7 LINES; TWO, TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF OUR LAND OWNERS  
8 AND, THREE, NOT TO IMPOSE AN UNDUE FINANCIAL OR PROCEDURAL  
9 BURDEN ON DEVELOPMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ORDINANCE FULFILLS  
10 THOSE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS. THIS IMPORTANT ADDITION TO COMMUNITY  
11 STANDARDS DISTRICT WILL AID THE RESIDENTS IN ALTADENA IN  
12 PLAYING ITS INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR  
13 MOUNTAINS. SO AGAIN I ASK YOU TO JOIN WITH US TO HELP PROTECT  
14 THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST VALUABLE  
15 NATURAL ASSETS, BY THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE. THANK YOU  
16 VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. BROWN?

19

20 **GERALD BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GERALD BROWN. I  
21 ORIGINALLY OPPOSED THIS ORDINANCE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE  
22 AND NOW I SUPPORT IT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD, SIR. MR. GOINS?

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1   **BOB GOINS:** GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU?

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3   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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5   **BOB GOINS:** I OPPOSE THIS ORDINANCE WHOLEHEARTEDLY DUE TO THE  
6   FACT I WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND I  
7   DID QUITE A BIT OF WORK IN THAT AREA. AND I KNOW THAT, IT IS A  
8   VERY MOUNTAINOUS AREA AND IT IS UNSTABLE. AND I THINK ANY KIND  
9   OF DISTURBANCE OF THE HILLSIDE AT THIS JUNCTURE BE DETRIMENTAL  
10   TO THAT WHOLE AREA. AND I COULD SEE IN A FEW YEARS FOR THEM TO  
11   DO THAT, BUT AT THIS JUNCTURE, IT'S ALL DECOMPOSED GRANITE,  
12   AND ANY KIND OF DISTURBANCE OF THAT AREA COULD BE DETRIMENTAL  
13   TO IT. AND I OPPOSE IT. AND I'M REPRESENTING RUBIO HIGHLANDS,  
14   WHICH CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 60 HOMEOWNERS WHO WASN'T ABLE  
15   TO COME. AND I'M HERE. SO I WOULD OPPOSE TO IT.

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. STUBBLEFIELD?

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19   **CLARENCE STUBBLEFIELD:** YES, I'M CLARENCE STUBBLEFIELD. A  
20   RESIDENT OF RUBIO CANYON FOR ABOUT 32 YEARS. I REALLY DON'T  
21   LIKE CHANGING THE RIDGE LINE. I THINK IT OPENS IT UP FOR MANY  
22   OTHER THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. NOT TOO  
23   LONG AGO, THERE WAS A NEIGHBOR THERE WAS TRYING TO BUILD IN  
24   THE AREA THERE. THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF. IF THEY CHANGE THIS  
25   LINE IN ANY WAY AND IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO COME IN AND BUILD ON



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1 THAT HILLSIDE, WHICH IS EXTREMELY STEEP, WE'RE JUST GOING TO  
2 HAVE MORE PROBLEMS IN WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY. LIKE MR. GOINS  
3 SAID, THE HILLSIDE IS VERY UNSTABLE. IF ANYTHING'S DISTURBED  
4 THERE. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SNELL?

7

8 **E. SNELL:** WHY YOU STARTING MY TIME? I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED  
9 TALKING, GLORIA. GOD, MAN, START MY TIME. MAN, YOU GUYS RUN  
10 THIS THING LIKE A CIRCUS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOW YOU CAN START.

13

14 **E. SNELL:** I'M TELLING YOU WHAT, MAN. YOU GOT TO GIVE ME MY  
15 PROPERS. MAN. YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN ONE FOR FREEDOM OF  
16 SPEECH, ANYWAY, GLORIA, WE KNOW THAT. SAW YOU ON THAT FULL  
17 DISCLOSURE. MAN THEY BUSTED YOU UP THERE IN WASHINGTON, SO WE  
18 KNOW HOW YOU OPERATED. YOU KNOW, GANDHI SAID FIRST THEY IGNORE  
19 US. I SEE YOU GUYS DO A GOOD JOB OF THAT. THEN THEY RIDICULE  
20 US. OH, MAN, YOU SURE DONE SOME OF THAT. YOU KNOW, AND THEN  
21 GANDHI SAID THEN THEY FIGHT US. AND I KNOW TWO YEARS IN THE  
22 PEN ON PHONY CHARGES, BOY, I TELL YOU WHAT, I CAN RELATE TO  
23 THAT. AND THEN WE WIN. THEN WE WIN. YOU KNOW, Y GOT THAT FROM  
24 MR. FINE, ATTORNEY THAT GOT LOCKED UP LEGALLY. BUT DO YOU KNOW  
25 WHAT? I SEE THIS LITTLE NEGATIVE DECLARATION THING HERE. I



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1 REMEMBER THE IRWINDALE RACEWAY. HERE IS THIS 240-FOOT PIT  
2 CONTAINING 80 FEET OF WATER AND THEY PUT IN TIRE, METAL  
3 SHAVING. THIS IS OUR DRINKING WATER. IRWINDALE RACEWAY THAT'S  
4 WHY I START A LOT OF MY ACTIVISM. FIGHTING THE L.A. TIMES  
5 CHANDLER FAMILY. THE L.A. TIMES IS UP, I SEE OUR NEWS MEDIA, I  
6 SEE THEY HAVEN'T LOST ACCESS TO THE, YOU KNOW, TO THE  
7 POLITICIANS, YOU KNOW. YOU KNOW, THEY NEED TO QUIT  
8 PERPETUATING THE INCOMPETENCY. AND THE REASON FOR THE FIRST  
9 AMENDMENT IS TO SAFEGUARD SOCIETY. AND THEY HAVE AN  
10 ADVERSARIAL ROLE. I SAW THAT 11-YEAR-OLD KID THAT HUNG  
11 HIMSELF. I SURE WOULD LIKE THAT A LITTLE MORE INVESTIGATION ON  
12 THAT BECAUSE I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY D.C.S. WENT OUT THERE. BUT  
13 WHEN YOU GET NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS, IT JUST DOESN'T WASH. THIS  
14 GUY WORKED FOR PUBLIC WORKS, THE GENTLEMAN THAT JUST SPOKE.  
15 AND HE SAID THAT'S SOME PRETTY UNSTABLE HILLSIDE SOIL UP  
16 THERE. HAVE YOU DUG IN ANY CORE SAMPLES LIKE 10-FOOT DEEP OR  
17 BEEN IN THOSE MOUNTAINS ON DONE ANYTHING THAT? HAVE YOU  
18 CHECKED OUT THOSE SAMPLES OUT THERE? BECAUSE MY PARENTS LIVED  
19 IN COVINA HILLS. THAT MOUNTAIN, THE HOUSE WAS SLIDING OFF THE  
20 HILL. WHEN YOU GOT DOWN INTO THERE WITH THE SHALE AND SOME OF  
21 THAT OTHER STUFF, I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT CORE SAMPLES LIKE  
22 THE GENTLEMAN THAT SAID THERE'S NO REQUIREMENTS ON CORE  
23 SAMPLES. CALIFORNIA IS EARTHQUAKE TERRITORY, LADIES AND  
24 GENTLEMEN. YOU'RE GOING TO START PUTTING HOUSES ON THERE,  
25 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF DEAD PEOPLE UP THERE. IT'S GOING



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1 TO BE ON YOUR CONSCIENCE IF YOU PASS THIS. I JUST DON'T THINK  
2 IT, KNOWING WHAT I KNOW ABOUT SOIL SAMPLES, THIS GUY WORKED  
3 FOR PUBLIC WORKS, AND I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I'M SURE YOU PEOPLE  
4 FROM ALTADENA HAVE GOT ALL THE GOOD INTENTIONS IN THE WORLD,  
5 BUT HAVING BEEN IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AND KNOWING SOIL  
6 SAMPLES, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT BUILDING AND PUTTING THAT  
7 STUFF UP THERE. I DON'T CARE UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD CAVE  
8 HOUSES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TESTIMONY.  
11 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THIS PROCESS TOOK ABOUT  
14 THREE YEARS OR SO. AND IT WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ENTIRE  
15 COMMUNITY. WE APPRECIATED THE LEADERSHIP THAT THEY HAVE DONE.  
16 AND ALTADENA IS ONE OF THE UNIQUE COMMUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IN  
17 WHICH THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER AND THEY ALL FIGHT TOGETHER AND  
18 THEY ALL COME TOGETHER. AND IT'S AN INVOLVED COMMUNITY. AND  
19 IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S ONE OF THE GEMS OF OUR COUNTY OF  
20 LOS ANGELES. INVOLVED WITH THIS, AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM THE  
21 PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, THEY WERE INVOLVED, THE  
22 ALTADENA HERITAGE, THE ALTAENA FOOTHILLS CONCERNANCY, AND THEY  
23 ALL ASSISTED WITH WORKING WITH REGIONAL PLANNING. AND I  
24 APPRECIATE PAUL NOVAK, SUZIE NIEBURN AND RITA ARCHIBUKIAN  
25 [PH?] FROM MY OFFICE, AS WELL, WHO HAS ASSISTED IN THIS



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1 PROJECT. BUT THERE IS BERNICE BROWNSWICK, JOE DEMASA, SAMIR  
2 ETMAN, JOHN GRETCH, KEN BALDER, MARK GOLDSCHMIDT WHO JUST  
3 SPOKE, TERRY HUNTSBURGER, PATRICIA MULLIGAN, SHAWN NELSON,  
4 NANCY STEELE AND GINO SUND, PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND  
5 MICHELE ZACK. AND RICHARD BUCKNER AND HIS STAFF IN REGIONAL  
6 PLANNING, IN PARTICULAR MITCH GLAZER AND EMMA HOWARD WERE ALL  
7 INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S A PROPOSAL BEFORE  
8 US TODAY TOOK AS I SAID ABOUT THREE YEARS, INVOLVED THE  
9 COMMUNITY. AND THERE WAS COMING TOGETHER OF THIS CONSENSUS. WE  
10 HAVE THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY AND I WOULD JUST MOVE THE  
11 AGENDA ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, ANY OBJECTIONS? IF  
14 NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GO BACK TO OUR PUBLIC  
15 HEARINGS. GO BACK TO THE ITEMS, BOARD ITEMS. SPECIALS,  
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE SEVERAL  
19 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
20 THE MEMORY OF JOYCE KARL, PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.  
21 VERY KIND AND LOVING WOMAN WHO WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER  
22 FAMILY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER ALICE KARL AND SON-IN-  
23 LAW TERRY FRIEDMAN WHOM WE ALL KNOW. SON BARRY KARL AND OTHER  
24 FAMILY MEMBERS. BERNIE LISKER. LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR  
25 DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. BORN IN CHICAGO. HE



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1 GOT MARRIED AND CAME OUT TO LOS ANGELES IN THE 1940S WHERE HE  
2 SUBSEQUENTLY SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER AS A REALTOR. AFTER  
3 RETIRING HE RELOCATED TO PALM SPRINGS AND LATER TO THE BAY  
4 AREA WITH HIS FAMILY BUT RECENTLY RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES  
5 WHERE HE WAS WELL CARED FOR AT THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGING  
6 IN RESEDA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 72 YEARS, JANICE, A  
7 SON, PERRY LISGER AND A DAUGHTER, BARBARA GOLDSMITH, AS WELL  
8 AS SISTER JEAN BELLMAN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, KANE LISGER, ELAN  
9 SLAVEN, COREY JACOBSON, DREW JACOBSON AND AIDEN LISGER, AS  
10 WELL AS THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. OSCAR AVILA-MENDOZA, A  
11 RESIDENT OF NORTHRIDGE WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 23  
12 WHEN HIS CAR WAS HIT HEAD ON BY A DRUNK DRIVER ON PACIFIC  
13 COAST HIGHWAY. HE WAS A SEABEE AND A PETTY OFFICER WHO  
14 ENLISTED IN THE NAVY WHEN HE WAS 17 YEARS OLD AND ALREADY  
15 SERVED IN GUAM, THAILAND, KOREA AND KUWAIT BEFORE PREPARING  
16 FOR A FIFTH TOUR OF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN AT THE TIME OF HIS  
17 DEATH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANNA, WHO IS EXPECTING THEIR  
18 CHILD, HIS SISTER LILY, HIS PARENTS, JUAN AND OLIVIA AND OTHER  
19 FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF FATAL ACCIDENTS  
20 THAT WE'VE HAD ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN RECENT MONTHS AND  
21 IT'S REALLY GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
22 MEMORY OF DANIEL SCHORR. I THINK EVERYONE HERE KNOWS ABOUT  
23 DANIEL SCHORR'S CAREER, LONG-TIME N.P.R. NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO  
24 COMMENTATOR, FORMER C.N.N. AND C.B.S. NETWORK REPORTER. SENIOR  
25 NEWS ANALYST WHO RECENTLY DIED AT THE AGE OF 93. HE WAS KNOWN



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1 FOR HIS AGGRESSIVE REPORTING THAT SEEMED TO RUFFLE CORPORATE  
2 FEATHERS WHEREVER HE WORKED. BORN IN THE BRONX TO IMMIGRANT  
3 PARENTS FROM WHAT IS NOW BELARUS, HE DEVELOPED AN EARLY  
4 INTEREST IN JOURNALISM AND BEGAN REPORTING FOR LOCAL PAPERS  
5 WHILE STILL IN HIS TEENS. HE CONTINUED REPORTING AS HE WORKED  
6 HIS WAY THROUGH CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK AND AFTER GRADUATION,  
7 WORKED FOR THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY AND A DUTCH NEWS  
8 SERVICE BEFORE BEING DRAFTED FOR WORLD WAR II DUTY IN 1943.  
9 AFTER THE WAR, HE RESUMED HIS JOURNALISM CAREER WITH THE DUTCH  
10 NEWS SERVICE AS A FREE LANCER FOR BOTH PRINT AND A.B.C. RADIO.  
11 WHILE AUDITIONING FOR A JOB AT THE NEW YORK TIMES IN 1952, HE  
12 WAS INSTEAD RECRUITED BY BY THE LEGENDARY EDWARD R. MURROW TO  
13 JOIN C.B.S. NEWS. IN 1955, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR, HE  
14 OPENED THE NETWORK'S MOSCOW BUREAU AND SOON SCORED THE FIRST  
15 TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV FOR  
16 "FACE THE NATION." HE SPENT THE NEXT TWO DECADES AS A FOREIGN  
17 CORRESPONDENT COVERING WASHINGTON INCLUDING MOST FAMILIAR  
18 FAMOUSLY THE WATERGATE SCANDAL WHEN HE MADE THEN PRESIDENT  
19 NIXON'S ENEMY LIST, BEFORE LEAVING C.B.S. IN 1976 OVER HIS  
20 HANDLING OF A CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON C.I.A. AND INTELLIGENCE  
21 ABUSES. HE TAUGHT JOURNALISM AT BERKELEY, WAS TED TURNER'S  
22 FIRST HIRE AT C.N.N. AND ULTIMATELY JOINED N.P.R. WHERE HE  
23 SPENT THE LAST 25 YEARS OF HIS CAREER AS A SENIOR NEWS  
24 ANALYST. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 43 YEARS ELIZABETH AND





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1 A SON JONATHAN AND DAUGHTER LISA KAPLAN AND ONE GRANDCHILD.

2 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING, MADAM  
7 CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR SPECIALS?**

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11 **>>SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE A NUMBER OF  
12 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
13 CAROLYN CLEMONS, MOTHER OF A DEAR FRIEND OF OURS, MARILYN  
14 DEMASTER. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO  
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A LONG TIME FRIEND ANN-MARIE DEISCHTER,  
16 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF CERRITOS AND NEIGHBOR. PASSED AWAY ON  
17 JULY 14TH. SHE WAS BORN IN SWEDEN, CAME HERE TO THE UNITED  
18 STATES WHEN SHE WAS 20. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY  
19 AND VOLUNTEERED AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. SHE IS SURVIVED  
20 BY HER CHILDREN, CARINA AND MARK, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, HER  
21 SISTERS AND MANY CHILDHOOD FRIENDS IN SWEDEN. ALSO THAT WE  
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RONALD LEE WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE  
23 IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER GORDON. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DON  
24 MACKIN WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 23RD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
25 JOY. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. ALSO WE ADJOURN



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1 IN MEMORY OF DAVID WODYNSKI, PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY AT THE AGE  
2 OF 40 THIS PAST WEEKEND. HE WAS THE CITY OF LONG BEACH'S  
3 BUDGET MANAGER. VERY NICE ARTICLE ABOUT HIM IN THE PAPER  
4 TODAY. HE CAME TO LONG BEACH AS A MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT IN  
5 2002. FORMER MEMBER OF THE PEACE CORPS. MASTER'S DEGREE FROM  
6 HARVARD. JUST A BRILLIANT GENTLEMAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
7 WIFE MICHELLE AND DAUGHTER SOPHIA. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
8 GEORGE MEDAK, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO WHO PASSED  
9 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS GEORGE, A  
10 GOOD FRIEND, AND ROBERT, GRANDCHILDREN, AMY AND MARK AND GREAT  
11 GRANDCHILDREN, CHELSEA, COURTNEY, BRADLEY AND ASHLEY. ALSO  
12 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSALINDA MANNO WHO PASSED AWAY  
13 RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE AND HER HUSBAND JOSEPH OWNED  
14 MANNO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT FOR OVER 40 YEARS IN THE CITY OF  
15 LAKEWOOD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HUSBAND, DAUGHTER, ALEXANDRA, AND  
16 GRANDSON JAKE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LESTER MURTY,  
17 A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PARAMOUNT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
18 OF 47 YEARS JUNE, HIS CHILDREN LINDA AND LESTER, SISTER HELEN,  
19 15 GRANDCHILDREN AND 20 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE  
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GIL EBERHARD, FORMER PALOS VERDES  
21 BASEBALL COACH WHO PASSED AWAY FROM LUNG DISEASE JUST A MONTH  
22 SHORT OF HIS 78TH BIRTHDAY. HE HAD A 25 YEAR CAREER THERE IN  
23 PALOS VERDES, 332 CAREER VICTORIES. WE'VE HAD HIM DOWN HERE  
24 SEVERAL TIMES AND HE COACHED SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL. HE JOINED  
25 GARY POE AS A CO-FOOTBALL COACH AT PENINSULA FOR ONE SEASON



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1 BEFORE COACHING THE FROSH/SOPH IN 1999. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN  
2 MEMORY OF ESTHER FOX. SHE WAS 88 AND GREW UP, LONG TIME  
3 RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 62 YEARS,  
4 RICHARD. HER DAUGHTERS, MARILYN AND JANIS, GRANDDAUGHTERS  
5 KATHERINE, JACKIE, AND A SISTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
6 MEMORY OF HOWARD SCHUG WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. LONG  
7 TIME BELLFLOWER BUSINESS PERSON. VERY ACTIVE IN THE LAKEWOOD  
8 VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ERNESTINE,  
9 DAUGHTER STEPHANY AND SON STEVIE. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
10 WILLIAM FINLE TAYLOR, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
11 WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH. HE WAS ONLY 68. HE HAD A LONG  
12 BATTLE WITH LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
13 OF OVER 42 YEARS, CONNIE, SONS WILLIAM, CHRISTIAN AND DAUGHTER  
14 SHANNON. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALICE MARIE  
15 WATSON, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD. SHE SERVED THE UNITED  
16 STATES NAVY AS A LIEUTENANT DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE IS  
17 SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER WILLIAM, SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEWS.  
18 MADAME CHAIR, THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK I HELD ITEM 15, I BELIEVE. I  
23 JUST HAD A QUESTION FOR STAFF ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. THIS  
24 WAS MY ORIGINAL MOTION. THE QUESTION I HAD IS THAT IN THE  
25 RECOMMENDATION, IT SAYS THAT ALL, ALL CONTRACTS THIS APPLIES



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1 TO HAS TO BE BACK IN 90 DAYS. I MEAN IS THAT-- TALKING TO SOME  
2 OF THE DEPARTMENTS, I'M NOT SURE THAT ALL CONTRACTS ARE  
3 REALISTIC WITHIN 90 DAYS. SO MY QUESTION IS: IS 90 DAYS REALLY  
4 REALISTIC? WE SHOULD LOOK TO BENEFIT FROM THIS. IF YOU'RE NOT  
5 DONE IN 90 DAYS, WHAT HAPPENS?

6

7 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS MARTIN  
8 ZIMMERMAN WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I THINK THERE IS  
9 SOME LATITUDE. AND I THINK TO HAVE INDICATED THAT EVERYTHING  
10 HAS TO BE BACK IN 90 DAYS DOESN'T TAKE ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THE  
11 DIFFERENT KIND OF CONTRACTS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THE REASON WE  
12 PUT ANY KIND OF A TIMEFRAME IN THERE WAS BECAUSE WE DID GET  
13 FEEDBACK FROM SEVERAL BOARD OFFICES WHEN WE SHARED THE DRAFT  
14 THAT THEY WANTED THIS TO BE SOMEWHAT OF A TIME-LIMITED EFFORT,  
15 SIMILAR TO WHEN WE DID THE CONTRACT REDUCTION EXTENSIONS LAST  
16 YEAR. THEY DIDN'T WANT IT TO EXTEND INDEFINITELY. SO THAT'S  
17 WHY WE PUT THE 90 DAYS IN THERE. BUT THAT'S PROBABLY GOING TO  
18 BE EASIER FOR THE VENDING MACHINE CONTRACTS, THE ONES WHERE  
19 WE'RE LOOKING FOR POTENTIALLY SOME ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR SOME  
20 KIND OF AN EXTENSION. IT MAY NOT WORK VERY WELL FOR SOME OF  
21 THE MORE COMPLEX, PERHAPS GOLF COURSE OR OTHER KIND OF  
22 AGREEMENTS WHERE THEY'LL BE NEGOTIATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.  
23 SO I THINK IT WAS YOUR BOARD'S SENSE THAT FOR THOSE THAT ARE  
24 SIMPLER, FOR LIKE THE VENDING MACHINE CONTRACTS, FOR LIKE A  
25 CAFETERIA-TYPE THING, THAT THOSE WOULD NEED TO COME BACK IN A



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1 SHORTER TIME FRAME. AND PERHAPS 90 IS EVEN TOO FAST. MAYBE 120  
2 IS A MORE REASONABLE TIME FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO DO THOSE  
3 NEGOTIATIONS AND COME BACK. BUT FOR THE MORE COMPLEX TYPES  
4 THAT WOULD INVOLVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, THAT YOU WOULD GIVE  
5 THEM A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WHETHER IT'S 90 OR 120  
8 DAYS, I WANT A TIME CERTAIN, AS WELL, TOO, BECAUSE THAT  
9 OBVIOUSLY PUTS SOME PRESSURE ON EVERYONE TO SORT OF NEGOTIATE  
10 THAT. I JUST DON'T WANT THAT TO FALL OF A CLIFF, THOUGH, IF  
11 THEY'RE NOT DONE IN 90 OR 120 DAYS.

12

13 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** RIGHT. I THINK EVEN IF WE ESTABLISH 120 AND  
14 A DEPARTMENT MAYBE COMES BACK IN THREE OR FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS  
15 AND THEY'RE ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE TO OUR OFFICE AND THEN TO  
16 YOUR BOARD THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD DEAL FOR THE COUNTY, AND  
17 ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T MAKE IT IN THE TIMEFRAME, WE REALLY  
18 RECOMMEND THAT YOU WAIVE THAT TIM FRAME AND APPROVE THIS  
19 AGREEMENT FOR THESE REASONS, I THINK THEY COULD MAKE THAT  
20 CASE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. IS THERE A BOARD LETTER THAT ALLOWED FOR  
23 THAT?

24

25 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** I THINK IF YOU AMEND IT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE THE AMENDMENT, AMENDING IT FROM 90 TO  
3 120 DAYS, AND WITH THAT, I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THAT ITEM?  
6 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH MONEY  
9 YOU THINK WE CAN GENERATE FROM THIS ACTION?

10

11 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** FOR THE ONES THAT OUR OFFICE MANAGES, THE  
12 VENDING MACHINES CONCESSION CONTRACTS, IF ALL OF THOSE THAT  
13 THEY'RE FOCUSING ON WERE FOR A POTENTIAL EXTENSION GAVE US THE  
14 ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT, WHICH IS OUR THRESHOLD INCREASE IN  
15 COUNTY REVENUE, I THINK I WAS ADVISED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY  
16 BE ABOUT \$25,000 A YEAR. IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT--

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TOTAL? OR PER MACHINE?

19

20 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** OUR PEOPLE FROM REAL ESTATE ARE HERE, THEY  
21 CAN CLARIFY BUT THAT'S WHAT I WAS ADVISED. RIGHT. I WAS GOING  
22 TO MAKE THAT POINT. BUT, YES, FOR THE ONES-- FOR ALL OF THEM.  
23 FOR ALL OF THOSE CONTRACTS. I THINK THERE'S FIVE. FIVE OR SIX  
24 C.E.O. CONTRACTS FOR VENDING MACHINES. SO, YEAH, THE TOTAL FOR



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1 ALL OF THEM ANNUALLY WOULD BE 25,000. NOW, FOR THE PARKS AND  
2 RECS CONTRACT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 25,000 OVER WHAT THEY ARE NOW PAYING US?

5

6 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** RIGHT. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THEY PAYING US NOW ON AN ANNUAL  
9 BASIS, ROUGHLY?

10

11 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** ABOUT \$200,000 A YEAR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS WOULD BE 10 OR 12 PERCENT INCREASE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S A THRESHOLD, YEAH, 10 PERCENT.

16

17 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG WILL THESE CONTRACTS BE FOR WHEN  
20 THEY'RE EXTENDED?

21

22 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** THAT'S ONE THING THAT I WANTED TO CLARIFY.

23 OUR BOARD LETTER TALKED ABOUT EXTENSIONS OF SOMEWHERE BETWEEN

24 TWO AND 20 YEARS. OUR INTENT WAS THAT THE ONES LIKE THESE

25 VENDING MACHINES CONTRACTS, THEY WOULD ONLY BE EXTENDED LIKE





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1 FOR MAYBE TWO, AT MOST FIVE YEARS BECAUSE THAT'S THE TERM OF  
2 THOSE KIND OF CONTRACTS. WE WOULDN'T LOOK FOR A CONTRACT IN  
3 ANY CASE TO BE EXTENDED LONGER THAN THE ORIGINAL TERM. SO  
4 THOSE KIND OF CONTRACTS IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A COUPLE, FEW  
5 YEARS, IN NO CASES MORE THAN FIVE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT ARE THE CONTRACTS THAT YOU'RE  
8 ANTICIPATING THAT WOULD GO FOR 20 YEARS?

9

10 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** POTENTIALLY GOLF COURSES, THE CELL TOWERS,  
11 SOME OF THOSE. BECAUSE THOSE ARE 15, 20-YEAR TYPE CONTRACTS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S TALK ABOUT THE GOLF COURSE FOR A  
14 SECOND BECAUSE I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THAT. DON'T WE HAVE THE RIGHT  
15 NOW TO NEGOTIATE OR RE-NEGOTIATE AN EXTENSION? OR NEGOTIATE AN  
16 EXTENSION WITH THE GOLF COURSE OR LESSEE OF THAT TYPE IN  
17 EXCHANGE FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS? HAVEN'T WE DONE THIS FOR  
18 LEASES AT THE MARINA IN EXCHANGE FOR IMPROVEMENTS WE'VE  
19 EXTENDED THEIR LEASES? CAN WE NOT DO THAT FOR GOLF COURSES?

20

21 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** I THINK WE DO. I THINK IT'S THE BOARD'S  
22 POLICY GENERALLY THAT THESE WOULD BE DONE BY A COMPETITIVE  
23 SOLICITATION UNLESS THERE'S SOME PARTICULAR REASON WHY THE  
24 DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE ADVANTAGEOUS  
25 TO DO AN EXTENSION, A NONCOMPETITIVE EXTENSION WITH THE



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1 CURRENT OPERATOR. AND I UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PARTICULAR BOARD  
2 INITIATIVE TO LOOK AT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES, TO NOT GO  
3 COMPETITIVE, TO EXTENT WITH THE CURRENT IF THEY CAN MAKE A  
4 CASE THAT GIVEN THE MARKET, GIVEN THEIR PROGNOSTICATIONS,  
5 THEIR EXPERTISE, THAT IT'S A BETTER DEAL FOR THE COUNTY TO DO  
6 THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT HOW WOULD YOU KNOW IT'S A BETTER DEAL  
9 FOR THE COUNTY UNLESS YOU PUT THEM UP IN COMPETITION AGAINST  
10 COMPETITION. A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN A GOLF COURSE GUIDE, I'M  
11 JUST PULLING IT OUT, THAT SEEMS TO BE THE MOST LUCRATIVE OF  
12 THE THREE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CELL TOWERS GO FOR. BUT AN  
13 EXTENSION ON A GOLF COURSE OF 10 PERCENT, THAT YIELDS 10  
14 PERCENT MORE MONEY TO US SOUNDS TO ME, AND FOR WHICH WE WOULD  
15 BE COMMITTED FOR 20 YEARS, I THINK IT IS A MISTAKE. BECAUSE WE  
16 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ECONOMY'S GOING TO BE IN SIX MONTHS, LET  
17 ALONE IN 10 YEARS OR FIVE YEARS. HOW DO YOU KNOW? AND WHY  
18 WOULD WE ACCEPT-- SOME OF THESE CONTRACTS CAN DOUBLE IN VALUE  
19 OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE FOR 10  
20 PERCENT?

21

22 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** WELL, THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF  
23 SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** THE WHOLE PURPOSE IS TO NEGOTIATE. I SAID THAT'S  
2   THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING. IT'S GOT TO BE JUSTIFIED  
3   OTHERWISE IT DOESN'T WORK.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT MY POINT IS HOW DO WE  
6   KNOW WE'RE GETTING THE BEST DEAL WHEN IT'S OUR JUDGMENT AND  
7   THE GUY WHO'S GOT THE CONTRACT, THE FRANCHISE'S JUDGMENT. WE  
8   REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIVE WAY OF KNOWING WHAT THE MARKET  
9   WOULD BEAR UNLESS WE PUT PEOPLE UP AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND I'M  
10   NOT SAYING THAT SHOULD BE THE CASE EVERY SINGLE TIME. WE HAVE  
11   MADE EXCEPTIONS IN THAT WHEN WE HAVE HAD MAJOR INVESTMENT. IN  
12   EXCHANGE FOR MAJOR INVESTMENT, WE'VE EXTENDED CONTRACTS OR  
13   GROUND LEASES OR WHAT HAVE YOU. AND WE'VE MADE THAT JUDGMENT.  
14   WE'VE BEEN CRITICIZED FOR IT, TOO. BUT I THINK THEY'VE BEEN  
15   JUSTIFIED, CERTAINLY THERE'S BEEN JUSTIFICATION FOR DOING IT.  
16   BUT WHAT ARE-- ARE THERE CRITERIA IN YOUR BOARD REPORT AS TO  
17   WHAT KIND, WHAT LEVEL OF INVESTMENT WOULD CONSTITUTE A  
18   THRESHOLD THAT WOULD TRIGGER AN EXTENSION?

19

20   **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** WE HAVE A THRESHOLD FOR THE REVENUE, THE 10  
21   PERCENT. BUT WE COULDN'T COME UP WITH A REASONABLE THRESHOLD  
22   WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE BROAD AREA OF CAPITAL  
23   IMPROVEMENTS. WE WOULDN'T ABSOLUTELY KNOW. I GUESS I'LL OFFER  
24   YOU A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS THAT THERE ARE SOME OF THESE  
25   GOLF COURSES, CELL TOWERS TYPE AGREEMENTS THAT DON'T EXPIRE



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1 UNTIL THE 2020S OR I THINK ONE OF THEM GOES TO 2030. I DON'T  
2 THINK WE'RE LOOKING AT EXTENDING THOSE. THAT WOULD BE ALMOST  
3 IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO PROGNOSTICATE WHAT THE ECONOMY'S GOING TO  
4 BE LIKE OR WHAT THE COUNTY'S DEAL WOULD BE LIKE IN 2020 OR  
5 2030. BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL THAT ARE EXPIRING WITHIN A FEW  
6 YEARS OF RIGHT NOW. I WOULD TASK THAT DEPARTMENT THAT HAS SOME  
7 EXPERTISE IN WHAT IS OUT THERE IN THE INDUSTRY TO JUSTIFY THAT  
8 THIS PARTICULAR DEAL WITH THESE PARTICULAR ADDITIONAL  
9 ADVANTAGES, BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY, IS LIKELY BETTER THAN YOU  
10 COULD GET COMPETITIVELY. WOULD YOU BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN? NO.  
11 BUT IT WOULD BE MONEY IN THE HANDS SOONER. AND CERTAINLY IN  
12 OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION, THERE IS SOME VALUE TO THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL WOULDN'T IT MAKE SENSE BEFORE YOU GO  
15 OUT AND START NEGOTIATING WITH ANY OF THESE FOLKS THAT WE HAD  
16 SOME KIND OF CRITERIA FOR WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A SUFFICIENT  
17 INVESTMENT TO WARRANT ENTERING INTO THIS KIND OF AN EXTENSION  
18 WITH THEM?

19

20 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** WE COULD GO BACK AND ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO  
21 COME. IT'S MAINLY PARKS. THAT IS THE DEPARTMENT I THINK THAT  
22 WOULD HAVE THE LION'S SHARE IF NOT 99 PERCENT OF THE CONTRACTS  
23 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK SO, TOO. SO LET ME SUGGEST THAT AN  
2   AMENDMENT, THAT WE APPROVE THIS CONTINGENT ON THE FOLLOWING:  
3   THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO ANY NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE  
4   DEPARTMENT, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DEVELOP,  
5   INSTEAD OF CRITERIA AND/OR THRESHOLDS THAT WOULD TRIGGER  
6   ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THOSE KINDS OF EXTENSIONS. SO  
7   THAT THAT WOULD BE MY AMENDMENT. JUST TO EXPLAIN THE AMENDMENT  
8   NOW. IT IS JUST SO THAT WE-- IT'S NOT TOTALLY CAPRICIOUS AND  
9   ARBITRARY AS WE GO INTO THESE DISCUSSIONS, THAT THERE BE SOME  
10  KIND OF A FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD GUIDE THEM AND US AS WE GO  
11  THROUGH THAT PROCESS. AND I'M NOT SUGGESTING HOLDING THIS UP.  
12  WE APPROVE THAT. BUT HAVE THEM BEFORE THEY GO INTO THE  
13  NEGOTIATION HAVE SOME KIND OF CRITERIA THAT ARE MEANINGFUL,  
14  OTHER THAN THE 10 PERCENT. I REALLY THINK ON THE 20-YEAR  
15  EXTENSION ON THE GOLF COURSE FRANCHISE, SETTLING FOR 10  
16  PERCENT IS RIDICULOUS. IS THE 10 PERCENT A FLOOR?

17

18  **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** IT IS. IT IS NOT A CEILING. IT'S A FLOOR.

19

20  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT DOES IT SAY? I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE  
21  THE REPORT WITH ME. WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY SAY ABOUT 10  
22  PERCENT?

23

24  **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** IT SAYS EXTENSIONS BETWEEN 2 AND 20 YEARS  
25  AND NOT LESS THAN A 10 PERCENT ADDITIONAL BENEFIT TO THE



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1 COUNTY FOR COMMISSION-BASED CONTRACTS WILL BE CONSIDERED.  
2 CONTRACTS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
3 IN LIEU OF COMMISSION INCREASES WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL  
4 ANALYSIS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S A COMBINATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THE LARGER  
7 CONTRACTS, NOT LIKE THE VENDING MACHINES CONTRACTS, WHICH IS  
8 PRETTY CLEAR AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE OTHER ONE, IT MAY WORK  
9 AND IT MAY NOT. BUT WHAT DOES IT HURT TO LOOK AT IT? I MEAN WE  
10 WENT FOR THE 5 PERCENT REDUCTION. WE FOUND SOME GOOD THERE. WE  
11 FOUND SOME BAD. SOME WORKED, SOME DIDN'T. SO ON THE OTHER  
12 SIDE, ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR PARTICULARLY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
13 MIGHT BENEFIT EVERYONE, AS WELL, TOO. WHICH GENERATED  
14 ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR US. SO THAT'S ALL MY INTENT WAS, WAS TO  
15 LOOK AT WHAT OPPORTUNITIES MIGHT BE OUT THERE TO GENERATE MORE  
16 REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. I KNOW THAT WAS  
19 YOUR INTENT. I WAS JUST GOING TO THE NEXT STEP AND JUST WANT  
20 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T-- THAT WE AREN'T SATISFIED JUST  
21 WITH SOME INCREASE WHEN A BIGGER INCREASE MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
22 WARRANTED.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I AGREE.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN FIGURE THAT OUT. BUT  
2   THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO COME UP OR THE DEPARTMENT COME UP  
3   WITH A THRESHOLD. LAST QUESTION. ON THE VENDING MACHINES,  
4   HAVEN'T THEY BEEN ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH FOR QUITE SOMETIME?

5

6   **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** YEAH, MANY OF THEM HAVE.

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE JUST BID THEM OUT RIGHT NOW?

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10   **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** I THINK I'D LIKE OUR C.E.O. REAL ESTATE TO  
11   ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMEBODY ANSWER THAT  
14   QUESTION. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE THREATENING TO WALK IF THEY'VE  
15   BEEN ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I UNDERSTAND.

16

17   **CHRIS MONTANA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS CHRIS  
18   MONTANA, I'M WITH THE C.E.O. REAL ESTATE DIVISION. THE BULK OF  
19   THE VENDING MACHINE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN ON MONTH-TO-MONTH  
20   APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS. THAT WAS ACTUALLY DONE IN CONCERT  
21   WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHY WE STARTED  
22   STRATEGIZING AND DEVELOPING THE FOOD POLICY. WE DIDN'T WANT TO  
23   ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND NOT HAVE THAT SUBJECT TO THE  
24   IMPLEMENTATION, SO WE PURPOSELY DELAYED THAT PENDING THE  
25   OUTCOME OF THAT FOOD POLICY.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PURPOSELY DELAYED GOING OUT TO BID?

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4 **CHRIS MONTANA:** YES, CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSKLAVSKY:** SO WHY WOULDN'T WE GO OUT TO BID ON THEM  
7 NOW?

8

9 **CHRIS MONTANA:** AGAIN, WE HAD PLANNED ON DOING THAT, UNTIL--

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THIS IS PART OF THIS PACKAGE, WHICH  
12 TALKS ABOUT AN EXTENSION IN EXCHANGE FOR UP TO A 10 PERCENT  
13 INCREASE. I MEAN, I GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT ON THE  
14 VENDING MACHINES AND THE GOLF COURSES AND THE CELL TOWERS, AND  
15 I DON'T KNOW HOW THE CELL TOWER THING IS GOING TO WORK, BUT  
16 THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE, THAT THESE WOULD BE CANDIDATES FOR  
17 NEGOTIATION OR EXTENSION, AND THAT THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST  
18 STEP THAT WE WOULD TAKE, NOT TO BID THEM OUT. I MEAN EITHER  
19 WE'RE GOING TO BID OUT ON THE VENDING MACHINES, EITHER BID  
20 THEM ALL OUT NOW.

21

22 **CHRIS MONTANA:** WELL WE COULD. THERE'S NO DENYING IT. BUT I  
23 THINK THE OUTCOME HERE WAS WE WERE WAITING TO SEE--

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT CRITICIZING WHY. SO SENSITIVE.



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2 **CHRIS MONTANA:** NO, I UNDERSTAND.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S A TIMING ISSUE. ONCE WE FINALIZE AND THE  
5 BOARD APPROVES THE FOOD POLICY, THEN YOU'RE RIGHT, WE SHOULD  
6 GO OUT TO BID. WE WANT TO HAVE THE POLICY IN PLACE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY ARE THE VENDING MACHINES PART OF THIS  
9 REPORT?

10

11 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** THINK IT IS THE TIMING THAT CHRIS WAS  
12 TALKING ABOUT IS THE BOARD MADE THIS--

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DIDN'T BID THEM OUT.  
15 WHAT I'M ASKING IS WHY ARE THEY PART OF A REPORT TO NEGOTIATE  
16 WITH THEM INSTEAD OF GOING OUT TO BID?

17

18 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** I THINK ANALOGOUS TO WHAT THE BOARD DID LAST  
19 YEAR WITH THE CONTRACTS TO BE EXTENDED FOR ADDITIONAL  
20 DISCOUNTS TO THE COUNTY. IT'S THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE  
21 A CASE THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT THE EXISTING CONTRACTOR IS GOING  
22 TO GIVE US A BETTER BENEFIT THAN BASED UPON THEIR EXPERTISE  
23 WE'RE GOING TO GET BY DOING COMPETITIVE, THEN IT'S IN THE  
24 COUNTY'S INTEREST TO GET IT NOW.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT ON THE GOLF COURSES, THEY'RE LONG  
2   TERM. AND AT LEAST YOU CAN GET SOME SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL  
3   INVESTMENT INTO SOME OF THE FACILITIES AND YOU CAN QUANTIFY  
4   IT, JUST AS WAS DONE AT THE MARINA. YOU CAN MAKE A JUDGMENT  
5   THAT RATHER THAN TAKE THE BIRD IN THE HAND AND NOT TAKE THE  
6   RISK OF TWO IN THE BUSH. SO YOU MAKE THAT CALCULATED DECISION  
7   SO YOU CAN GET SOME INVESTMENT FROM A CURRENT LESSEE. THESE  
8   ARE MACHINES, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LIFE OF THESE MACHINES  
9   ARE, BUT--

10

11   **CHRIS MONTANA:** AGAIN, THOSE-- THAT INVESTMENT OF THE MACHINES  
12   IS NOT A COUNTY INVESTMENT. THAT'S AN ASSET THAT BELONGS TO  
13   THE VENDING MACHINE COMPANY.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND.

16

17   **CHRIS MONTANA:** BUT LET ME JUST FOOTNOTE ONE IMPORTANT POINT  
18   HERE. THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE FOOD POLICY HASN'T TAKEN  
19   PLACE YET.

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

22

23   **CHRIS MONTANA:** AND BY EXTENDING THE CONTRACTS, LET'S JUST SAY  
24   HYPOTHETICALLY THAT WE WOULD GO BACK AND NEGOTIATE A 10  
25   PERCENT INCREASE IN REVENUE FOR A TWO-YEAR TIME PERIOD, IT



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1 WOULD ALLOW US TO AT LEAST GATHER, I THINK, IMPORTANT DATA AS  
2 TO HOW THE CONVERSION BETWEEN THE CURRENT MENU ITEMS IN THOSE  
3 MACHINES WOULD BE IMPACTED ON A REVENUE STANDPOINT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE YOU CHECKED WITH ANY OTHER  
6 JURISDICTION, EITHER GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE CORPORATION, THAT  
7 HAS A SIMILAR NUMBER OF VENDING MACHINES OR ANYTHING CLOSE TO  
8 IT TO SEE WHAT THE CURRENT RATE IS? WHAT THE GOING RATE IS FOR  
9 VENDING MACHINES? HAVE YOU CHECKED?

10

11 **CHRIS MONTANA:** SURE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ON AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE, WHAT ARE WE  
14 GETTING COMPARED TO WHAT THE CITY OF L.A. OR THE STATE OF  
15 CALIFORNIA?

16

17 **CHRIS MONTANA:** AGAIN, SOME OF THOSE CONTRACTS VARY, IN THE  
18 TIME, I'D SAY WE WERE ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PRICE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ARE THERE JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE GONE  
21 OUT TO BID LIKE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS? THE LAST SIX MONTHS?

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23 **CHRIS MONTANA:** THAT I COULDN'T TELL YOU.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT YOU'D WANT TO KNOW IS IF A CITY,  
2   FOR EXAMPLE, AND I'M JUST PICKING THE CITY OF L.A. OR THE  
3   STATE OF CALIFORNIA OR ANYBODY, LONG BEACH, PASADENA, WENT OUT  
4   FOR BIDS FOR VENDING MACHINES, AND THE BID CAME BACK  
5   SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY GETTING OR  
6   SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT WE'RE GETTING, WOULDN'T THAT  
7   SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULDN'T EVEN CONSIDER NEGOTIATING WITH THESE  
8   GUYS? LET'S JUST GO OUT AND BID?

9

10   **CHRIS MONTANA:** I DON'T DISAGREE. BUT AGAIN I WOULD FOOTNOTE  
11   THAT BY STATING THAT NOT EVERY MUNICIPALITY IS ADHERING TO THE  
12   100 PERCENT HEALTHY SNACK AND BEVERAGE POLICY. SO IF WE'RE  
13   GOING TO DO THIS IN A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, THEN I WOULD  
14   CONTACT THOSE MUNICIPALITIES OR AGENCIES THAT ADHERE TO THAT  
15   POLICY. AND THEN I THINK YOU WOULD DEFINITELY GET A MUCH  
16   BETTER, CLEARER ANSWER.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I JUST THINK ON SOMETHING LIKE A  
19   VENDING MACHINE CONTRACT, UNLIKE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT, A  
20   VENDING MACHINE CONTRACT IS REALLY VERY SIMPLE. EITHER THEY'RE  
21   GOING TO BID MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OR THEY'RE NOT. AND WHILE IT  
22   SHOULD BE SIMPLE.

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24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT THE DIALOGUE IS VERY  
25   DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW. THERE IS NO SIMPLICITY HERE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'VE GOT THE FOOD POLICY THAT HASN'T BEEN  
3 IMPLEMENTED. THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE WAITING FOR. I AGREE AS FAR  
4 AS GOING OUT TO BID. THE POINT BEING IS JUST UNTIL YOU  
5 IMPLEMENT THE FOOD POLICY, YOU CAN'T REALLY GET APPLES TO  
6 APPLES OR ALL--

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO GET THE FOOD POLICY  
9 DONE?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S THE KEY QUESTION.

12

13 **CHRIS MONTANA:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT PUBLIC HEALTH HAS  
14 AMENDED THE FOOD POLICY AND IS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION, AND  
15 THAT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IN AUGUST.

18

19 **CHRIS MONTANA:** PERHAPS MARTIN--

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY THEY CAN'T GO OUT TO BID?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST, THEY'RE NOT  
24 GOING TO EXTEND IT, EITHER, THE EXISTING CONTRACT.

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT CONTINUES MONTH-TO-MONTH.

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3    **CHRIS MONTANA:** THAT'S TRUE.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT I'M ASKING IS ONCE YOU'RE DONE WITH  
6    THE MONTH-TO-MONTH AND YOU GET YOUR FOOD POLICY AND YOU'RE ALL  
7    READY TO GO, AT THAT POINT YOU SHOULD GO TO BID.

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I AGREE.

10

11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST TAKE THE VENDING MACHINE PIECE  
12    OUT OF THIS REPORT, FRANKLY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE  
13    ADVANTAGE IS. I KNOW THEORETICALLY WHAT IT IS. BUT AS A  
14    PRACTICAL MATTER, I THINK YOU'RE BETTER OFF JUST GOING OUT TO  
15    BID. AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME BACK.

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU HAVE NO OPPOSITION FROM OUR OFFICE.

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19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, WELL--

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21    **SUP. KNABE:** YOU HAVE NO OPPOSITION FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES,  
22    EITHER.

23

24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I MOVE WE TAKE OUT THE VENDING MACHINES  
25    FROM THAT REPORT.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WITH THOSE AMENDMENTS, IS IT  
3 UNDERSTOOD WE'RE TAKING OUT THAT PORTION AND CONTINUING IT FOR  
4 120 DAYS? ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HESITATE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO PROLONG IT  
7 BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL THEY'RE GOOD AT CONFUSING US. SO GO  
10 AHEAD, ASK THE QUESTIONS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO TRY TO BE VERY SIMPLE. ON THE  
13 CELL TOWERS, EXPLAIN TO ME HOW WE WOULD ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION  
14 WITH THE CELL COMPANY. THEY COME TO US, DON'T THEY?

15

16 **CHRIS MONTANA:** WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME, BUT I AM  
17 FAMILIAR WITH CELL CONTRACTS. I THINK I CAN ANSWER YOUR  
18 QUESTION. BUT THIS I THINK WAS BROUGHT FORTH WITH THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. BUT I'VE DONE ENOUGH OF  
20 THOSE WHERE I THINK I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT'S A VERY SIMPLE QUESTION. A CELL  
23 PHONE COMPANY WANTS TO BUILD A CELL TOWER. THEY COME TO US.

24

25 **CHRIS MONTANA:** WE DON'T SOLICIT THAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A C.U.P., BASICALLY.

3

4 **CHRIS MONTANA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO THEY PAY US? I HATE TO BE SO UNINFORMED  
7 HERE, BUT WHEN THEY GET A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PUT A CELL  
8 TOWER TOPANGA CANYON, DO THEY PAY THE COUNTY A FEE FOR THAT?

9

10 **CHRIS MONTANA:** THEY PAY A MONTHLY FEE BASED ON THE, AGAIN,  
11 WHETHER IT'S A DESIGNATED SITE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY PAY A MONTHLY FEE.

14

15 **CHRIS MONTANA:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SO THIS PIECE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A  
18 MECHANISM BY WHICH WE WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE CELL COMPANIES  
19 FOR EXTENSION OF THEIR C.U.P.?

20

21 **CHRIS MONTANA:** NO, I DON'T BELIEVE SO. THE C.U.P. IS GRANTED  
22 AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS MADE. AND I THINK AS LONG AS  
23 THE-- AND AGAIN I'M NOT AN EXPERT IN THIS, BUT AS LONG AS  
24 REGIONAL PLANNING HAS APPROVED THE C.U.P. AND THEY'RE STILL IN  
25 EXISTING USE, THEN THAT, I BELIEVE, SHOULD--



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT'S THE ADVANTAGE TO THE CELL TOWER  
3 COMPANY TO NEGOTIATE WITH US?

4

5 **CHRIS MONTANA:** TO BE HONEST WITH THE YOU, I CAN'T ANSWER THAT  
6 QUESTION SINCE THAT WASN'T PART OF MY PURVIEW.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO CAN ANSWER THE CELL TOWER PIECE OF THIS?  
9 IT'S AN I.S.D. LEASE.

10

11 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** THERE'S SOMEONE FROM PARKS AND REC HERE, I  
12 BELIEVE THEY COULD ANSWER IT BETTER. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
13 WHATEVER REVENUE PAY PAY US ON A MONTHLY BASIS, WOULD BE  
14 INCREASED.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I THINK THE CELL TOWERS WAS ONE OF THE  
17 LEASES, ONE OF THE CATEGORIES THAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT FOR  
18 EXTENSION. I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT WILL WORK.

19

20 **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** SIX OF THEM, SEVEN. SEVEN DIFFERENT CELL  
21 TOWER CONCESSION AGREEMENTS. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE  
22 WOULD NEGOTIATE FOR ADDITIONAL MONTHLY REVENUES IF THEY PAY US  
23 FOR USE OF THAT SITE.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WOULD BE THE INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO  
2   GIVE US MORE MONEY? WHAT WOULD THEY GET IN EXCHANGE FOR GIVING  
3   US MORE MONEY? COVERAGE?

4

5   **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** EXTENSION OF THE TERM.

6

7   **RUSS GUINEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW CAN YOU EXTEND THE TERM IF IT'S A  
10   C.U.P.? THE C.U.P. IS FOR A TERM, IS IT NOT?

11

12   **RUSS GUINEY:** THE C.U.P. IS FOR A TERM BUT WE ALSO HAVE A  
13   RENTAL AGREEMENT THAT PARALLELS THAT. SO THEY WOULD HAVE TO  
14   GET AN EXTENSION OF THE C.U.P. IF WE WERE GOING TO GRANT THEM  
15   AN EXTENSION FOR THE RENTAL.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN EXTEND THE C.U.P. IS  
18   THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE C.U.P. PROCESS. THEY'VE GOT TO GO  
19   TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WHATEVER THE PROCESS IS. YOU HAVE  
20   TO COME HERE. YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE  
21   SOMETHING THAT SAYS GIVE US 10 PERCENT MORE MONEY AND WE'LL  
22   GIVE YOU ANOTHER FIVE YEARS IN YOUR C.U.P. THEY'D HAVE TO COME  
23   AND APPLY FOR IT.

24



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1   **RUSS GUINEY:** YEAH. THEY WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR THAT C.U.P.  
2   AND THEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THE RENT AGREEMENT WITH  
3   THEM. THERE IS ONE ISSUE WITH THE CELL TOWERS. SINCE THE CELL  
4   TOWERS ARE CONSIDERED A NON-PARK USE. THEY FALL UNDER THE  
5   PURVIEW OF THE PARK PRESERVATION ACT, WHICH REQUIRES THE  
6   REVENUE FROM SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO GO BACK INTO THE PARK. SO  
7   WHILE IT'S A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY IN ITS INVESTMENT IN THE  
8   PARK, IT DOESN'T REALLY ADDRESS THE BIGGER ISSUE OF GENERAL  
9   COUNTY REVENUE, IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEKING TO DO WITH THESE-  
10  -

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12  **SUP. KNABE:** EXCEPT IT BENEFITS YOUR BUDGET.

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14  **RUSS GUINEY:** CORRECT.

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16  **SUP. KNABE:** AREN'T YOU PART OF THE GENERAL COUNTY?

17  
18  **RUSS GUINEY:** SURE. WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR THAT IT  
19  DOES GO-- IT GOES BACK INTO THE PARK.

20  
21  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT YOU  
22  NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE CELL TOWER COMPANY AND OFFER THEM AN  
23  EXTENSION OF THEIR TERM BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY  
24  TO GRANT THEM AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM. NONE OF YOU DO AND  
25  NONE OF US DO. ONLY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS A BOARD, AND WHOEVER ISSUES THE PERMITS  
2 ULTIMATELY APPROVES THE PERMIT FOR A C.U.P. CAN DO THAT. SO  
3 WHEN YOU SIT DOWN ACROSS FROM AT&T OR VERIZON, WHOEVER YOU'RE  
4 SITTING THERE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU COULD TELL THEM. "WE'D  
5 LIKE 10 PERCENT MORE MONEY IN EXCHANGE FOR WHICH WE WILL DO  
6 WHAT? WE WOULD URGE YOU TO APPLY FOR A C.U.P. EXTENSION AND  
7 HOPE THAT YOU GET IT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?"

8

9 **RUSS GUINEY:** YEAH, THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEEK THAT FIRST. AND  
10 THEN WE WOULD NEGOTIATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THEM.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IF THEY HAVE TO APPLY FOR A C.U.P.  
13 EXTENSION, THEN WE DON'T NEED YOU TO NEGOTIATE. I ASSUME WE  
14 HAVE THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE A HIGHER FEE AS A CONDITION OF THE  
15 C.U.P. AS WE HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY.

16

17 **RUSS GUINEY:** I SUPPOSE THE BOARD COULD, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE  
18 THAT'S BEEN THE PAST PRACTICE. AND THERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE WITH  
19 THOSE. MANY OF THE OPERATORS ARE SEEKING SUBLEASES. SO AS  
20 OTHER COMPANIES COME TO THEM AND THEY WANT TO BUILD ON THEIR  
21 LEASE, THEN WE'RE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE SOME CHANGES THERE, ALSO.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK THE REPORT COVERS THESE  
24 ITEMS TO THAT EXTENT. MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO LOOK  
25 INTO.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO IT. AND  
3 MAYBE ON THE CELL TOWER PIECE, IF WE CAN--

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** REMOVE THAT PORTION, TOO?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING. I JUST--

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MICROMANAGE--

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HERE'S WHAT--

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** --C.U.P.S OR DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT. MY INTENT WAS  
14 STRIVING FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN HERE IS THE POINT ON THE CELL TOWERS.  
17 IF THEY ARE GOING TO SIT ACROSS FROM A CELL TOWER COMPANY AND  
18 ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN INCREASING THEIR  
19 CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY BY 10 PERCENT, OR THEIR FEE, WHAT  
20 DO THEY HAVE TO OFFER IN RETURN? AND WHAT I DON'T WANT TO SEE  
21 HAPPEN-- AND I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO SEE IT HAPPEN, EITHER,  
22 IS THAT THEY GRANT-- THAT SOMEHOW THEY GRANT, ILLEGALLY GRANT  
23 AN EXTENSION ON A C.U.P. IN A CERRITOS CELL TOWER.

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1   **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** WE WOULD NEVER RETURN WITH A RECOMMENDED  
2   AMENDMENT THAT WAS NOT LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE. AND COUNTY COUNSEL  
3   IS GOING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS AS  
4   THEY CONSIDER ANY OF THESE AMENDMENTS. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE  
5   LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE. THEY WOULD NOT GRANT AN EXTENSION THAT  
6   WAS CONTINGENT UPON A DELIBERATIVE BODY LIKE THE BOARD  
7   GRANTING SOMETHING SEPARATE. THEY WOULDN'T DO THAT.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN WHAT IS IT YOU HAVE TO OFFER A COMPANY?

10

11   **MARTIN ZIMMERMAN:** I WOULD ASSUME THERE ARE CERTAIN CELL TOWER  
12   AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE A C.U.P. THAT EXTENDS CONSIDERABLY INTO  
13   THE FUTURE AND YOU COULD DO EXTENSIONS UP TO THAT DEADLINE,  
14   PAST THEIR CURRENT RENTAL AGREEMENT DEADLINE. SO THAT WOULD BE  
15   A WINDOW OF EXTENSION THAT THEY COULD OFFER THE CELL TOWER.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE A RENTAL AGREEMENT IS NOT ALWAYS IN  
18   CONJUNCTION WITH A C.U.P., CORRECT? THE RENTAL AGREEMENT IS  
19   NOT ALWAYS IN THE SAME SYNCH OR SAME TRACK WITH THE C.U.P.,  
20   CORRECT?

21

22   **RUSS GUINEY:** I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. WE'D HAVE TO  
23   CHECK.

24



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK THE ANSWER IS NO. YOU WANT A  
2    DIFFERENT ANSWER?

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS THE ANSWER?

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE ANSWER WAS IF THEY HAVE A C.U.P. FOR  
7    LET'S SAY 10 YEARS BUT THE CONTRACT IS ONLY FOR THREE YEARS,  
8    THEY HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO INCREASE IT FOR THE REMAINING,  
9    WITHIN THE LEGALLY CONSTRAINED ASPECTS OF THE C.U.P.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE:** NOTHING BEYOND THE C.U.P.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WAS A GOOD ANSWER.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE:** WITH THAT CONVERSATION AMENDMENTS, I WILL MOVE IT.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE WHAT THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
20   AMENDMENTS ARE? ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? [LAUGHTER.]

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVIC:** DO WE HAVE A SUMMATION?

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE A SUMMATION. WE HAVE TWO  
2   SPEAKERS. WE HAVE A SPEAKER. MR. SACHS? MR. SACHS, WHILE  
3   YOU'RE HERE, WOULD YOU ALSO ADDRESS C.S.-3?

4

5   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. MY  
6   CONCERN ABOUT THIS ITEM WAS THE FACT THAT IT SEEMED TO ME TO  
7   BE LEADING TO SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING AGAIN. WHAT WAS  
8   INTERESTING DURING THE DISCUSSION WAS TO HEAR THE GENTLEMAN  
9   WHO WAS SITTING HERE SPEAK ABOUT CONTRACTS THAT ARE GOING TO  
10   EXPIRE IN 2020 AND 2030 FOR CONCESSION CONTRACTS THAT ARE THAT  
11   LONG. AND ALSO WHAT WAS REALLY INTERESTING WAS WHEN HE WAS  
12   TALKING ABOUT THE CELL TOWERS, THEY PAY A FEE PREDICATED ON  
13   WHAT? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY CUT HIM OFF BY SAYING YES, WE  
14   KNOW CELL TOWERS PAY A FEE. WE KNOW THAT. SO, THAT WAS JUST  
15   PREDICATED ON WHAT? I'D REALLY LIKE TO GET AN ANSWER ON THAT  
16   QUESTION. THANK YOU. THE NEXT ITEM, MADAME CHAIR?

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, YOU HAVE ITEM NO. 9 AND C.S.-3.

19

20   **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NO. 9. YES. SUPERVISOR THOMAS, I APPLAUD  
21   YOUR OPENING UP THIS DENTAL CARE VAN ON THE GREEN SHEET AND  
22   GIVING THE DETAILS FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE VAN. IS THIS VAN  
23   CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET? IS THIS  
24   WHERE THE SERVICE COMES FROM? AND THEN I HAD A COUPLE OF  
25   QUESTIONS BECAUSE I TOOK PART IN THE HEALTH FAIR THAT WAS HELD



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1 ON THE SOUTH BAY IN JUNE. AND I'M SURE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE  
2 INVOLVED IN IT WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE KNOWN THAT IF THIS  
3 HEALTH VAN WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE. I MEAN THERE WERE SOME  
4 DENTISTS. THERE WAS ONE DENTIST VAN THERE FROM A GROUP OF-- A  
5 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS FROM THE  
6 COUNTY. AND THAT BEING SAID, HOW LONG DOES THE COUNTY HAVE THE  
7 VAN AND HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN USED? WAS IT AVAILABLE FOR  
8 THE REMOTE AREA MEDICAL CLINICS THAT WERE HELD? THE ONE THAT  
9 WAS HELD AT THE FORUM AND THE ONE THAT WAS HELD AT U.S.C.? AND  
10 IF NOT, WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING A VAN IF YOU'RE NOT  
11 GOING TO USE IT FOR THOSE KINDS OF CLINICS? THANK YOU. AND S-  
12 1?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** C.S.-3.

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHAT WAS C.S.-3?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S A CLOSED SESSION ITEM.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I UNDERSTAND. OH. IT WAS-- BUT THAT WAS MR.  
21 KAISER? I'M SORRY. I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME. I DON'T HAVE THAT  
22 INFORMATION IN FRONT OF ME. WHAT WAS C.S.-3? THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.

25



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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH. YEAH. THE DEPARTMENT OF-- THANK YOU. THE  
2   DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES. I WAS JUST WONDERING  
3   AGAIN THEY JUST MADE IT IN THE NEWSPAPER AGAIN REGARDING, I  
4   DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN BRING THIS UP, THE MISUSE, THE NOT USE OF  
5   THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS PROVIDED THROUGH THE  
6   COMPUTER TABLETS? IT'S A SHAM AND A FARCE. AND SO MUCH TO BE  
7   SAID, IT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS.

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11   **ARNOLD SACHS:** DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITEM NO. 14, MA'AM?

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOT YET. THANK YOU, MR. SACHS, YOU WILL  
14   GET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. THAT'S ITEM 9. ITEM 15, AS WELL AS--  
15   WELL WE HAD A CLOSED SESSION ITEM-- BUT 9 AND 15 MOVED BUY  
16   SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF  
17   THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE TWO ITEMS.  
18   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR SPECIALS?

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING  
21   ADJOURNMENTS. WE LOST ONE OF OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS LAST WEEK  
22   AND THAT WAS ARCHBISHOP SUMBAT LAPAJIAN WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
23   AGE OF 83. HE WAS THE-- TAUGHT CLASSICAL MODERN ARMENIAN AT  
24   THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMENIAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
25   CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS RELIGION AND ETHICS AT OUR



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1 ARMENIAN SCHOOLS. IN 1986, HE ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF DEAN AT  
2 THE ARMENIAN HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL IN MONTEBELLO, WHERE I HOLD  
3 MY ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY EACH YEAR, AND ALSO WAS INVOLVED WITH  
4 THE ST. MARY'S APOSTOLIC ARMENIAN CHURCH IN GLENDALE. HE WAS  
5 ORDAINED IN 1961 AND THEN HE WAS THEN APPOINTED TO THE HOLY  
6 CROSS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES. BUT HE WAS A  
7 WONDERFUL MAN. HE HAD BEEN HERE BEFORE WHEN WE HONORED  
8 COMMEMORATION AND MEMORIAL OF THE GENOCIDE THAT WAS COMMITTED  
9 AGAINST THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE BY THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AT THE TURN  
10 OF THE CENTURY. ALSO IRVIN LAI, WHO PASSED AWAY AT 83, GOOD  
11 FRIEND AND LEADER IN THE CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF  
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WAS THE ONE  
13 WHO WAS THE PRIMARY VOICE TO PROTECT THE 1888 CHINESE  
14 IMMIGRANTS' MONUMENTS AND GRAVE SITES THAT HAD BEEN DISTURBED  
15 BY THE M.T.A. GOLD LINE EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE  
16 EVERGREEN CEMETERY. HE WAS AN ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL  
17 STARTING IN THE 60S WHEN HE JOINED THE LOS ANGELES LODGE OF  
18 THE CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE. LATER HE BECAME THE  
19 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT IN 1985. RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
20 FIREFIGHTER, GARY DEWHIRST, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 71.  
21 MICHAEL ANTHONY, DALEO OF ARCADIA WHO HAD A 33-YEAR CAREER  
22 WITH PACIFIC BELL AND SERVED AS AN ARCADIA POLICE RESERVE  
23 OFFICER SINCE 1976. HELEN ELIZABETH HOLDEN PASSED AWAY AT THE  
24 AGE OF 95 IN COVINA. LOUIS CHARLES MELILLO SR., HE SERVED IN  
25 THE UNITED STATES MARINES IN WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN



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1 CONFLICT. HE WAS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
2 GROCERS' ASSOCIATION AND EXECUTIVE IN THE GROCERY INDUSTRY FOR  
3 OVER 55 YEARS AND OWNER OF LOUIS FOODS SUPERMARKET. HE IS  
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GINGER AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. DR.  
5 THOMAS MOLNAR, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS A CATHOLIC  
6 PHILOSOPHER, HISTORIAN AND POLITICAL THEORIST. HE TAUGHT  
7 RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY AT SEVERAL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT  
8 THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING EUROPE, SOUTH AMERICA AND AFRICA.  
9 IN 1995, HE WAS ELEVATED TO HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND  
10 AWARDED THE HIGHEST NATIONAL AWARD BY THEIR PRESIDENT. HE WAS  
11 WELL-PUBLISHED AUTHOR OF OVER 40 BOOKS AND SERVED AS A MEMBER  
12 OF THE NATIONAL REVIEW BOARD AS WELL AS MANY OTHER EDITORIAL  
13 BOARDS INCLUDE MODERN AGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 30  
14 YEARS, ILDIKO, SON ERIC AND STEPSON JOHN. SISTER AGNES NUMER,  
15 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SHE PASSED AWAY AT  
16 THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS THE FOUNDER OF SOMMER HAVEN RANCH  
17 INTERNATIONAL, WHICH FEEDS ABOUT 12,000 PEOPLE A WEEK. SHE IS  
18 SURVIVED BY HER SON DAVID AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. EDWARD JAMES  
19 PITTROFF. HE WAS THE OWNER OF LOGIN PRINTING COMPANY, GRADUATE  
20 OF PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL AND PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND HONORARY  
21 DIRECTOR OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES WHERE HE SERVED  
22 AS ALSO PAST PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY CLUB, KIWANIS CLUB  
23 AND ELKS. PRISCILLANO "PRES" ROMANILLOS, PASSED AWAY AT THE  
24 AGE OF 47. HE WAS THE ARTIST ON DISNEY'S "POCAHONTAS" AS WELL  
25 AS INVOLVED WITH THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION OF THE "LITTLE





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1 MERMAID," "MULAN," "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" AND "ALADDIN." HE  
2 ALSO CREATED SHAN-YU WHICH WAS THAT CHARACTER IN "MULAN." HE  
3 WENT TO WORK FOR DREAMWORKS AS AN ANIMATED CHARACTERS FOR  
4 "SHREK" AND OTHERS AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEANINE OF  
5 14 YEARS. JEAN SIEROTY PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A PHILANTHROPIST.  
6 FOUNDED GROUP OF THE ELDERLY COMPONENT OF JUSTICE FOR ALL. SHE  
7 IS SURVIVED BY HER SON ALAN WHO I SERVED WITH IN THE STATE  
8 LEGISLATURE. JOHN SIPES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67, A  
9 SERGEANT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HERMINIA  
10 "MINNIE" TOVAR-EGURE OF COVINA. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
11 87. DIANE PRISCILLA VALANTINE PASSED AWAY AFTER FOUR-YEAR  
12 BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE SANTA CLARITA  
13 VALLEY COMMUNITY AND ASSISTED-- ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY AND  
14 ANIMAL ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE AND LIBRARIAN AND LA MESA  
15 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. FLORENCE WEINSTEIN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
16 OF 88. SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AND WAS INVOLVED  
17 WITH THE MEALS ON WHEELS AS WELL AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE POMONA  
18 VALLEY HOSPITAL. PAST PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL  
19 SISTERHOOD AND DID RECORDINGS FOR THE BLIND. ROBERTA WETZEL,  
20 THE COUSIN OF LEIDA ERICKSON IN MY OFFICE. GREW UP IN WEST  
21 COVINA. AT ONE TIME SHE WAS AN EPISCOPAL NUN WITH SISTERS OF  
22 THE HOLY NATIVITY AND WORKED AS AN ACCOUNTANT FOR FILMATION  
23 ASSOCIATES. VELMA ELAINE RAINWATER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
24 95, RESIDENT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE FORMERLY WORKED FOR  
25 THE ROSAMOND SCHOOL BOARD AND FOR THE U.S. POSTAL OFFICE.



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1 ROXENE POLLOCK PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83 IN THE ANTELOPE  
2 VALLEY. DOMINIC MASSIMO, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
3 DURING WORLD WAR II. RETIRED FROM N.A.S.A. BERNARD MARON OF  
4 CLAREMONT, ALSO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE  
5 DURING WORLD WAR II. ESTHER BRADY, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF  
6 GLENDORA, WHO WAS AN EMPLOYEE AT THE GLENDORA HOSPITAL. AND  
7 LETITIA BARBARA BOSTAIN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE ALSO  
8 SERVED THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS  
9 INVOLVED WITH THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLERS AND THE LANCASTER  
10 WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST. THOSE ARE MY  
11 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, HOW MANY EMPLOYEES PARK IN THIS  
16 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION?

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18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T KNOW THAT NUMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY  
19 HEAD.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT 1,000?

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OH NO. I'D IMAGINE IT'S BETWEEN-- PROBABLY  
24 ABOUT 2,000?

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT 3,000. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HALL  
2   OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE COURT SYSTEM AND THOSE COURT  
3   EMPLOYEES THAT WHO PARK IN THIS HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. THE  
4   REASON I ASK THAT IS THE STUPIDITY THAT WE HAVE MAJOR  
5   CONSTRUCTION THAT WENT ON TODAY, WE UNDERSTAND THERE'S  
6   CONSTRUCTION ON GRAND AND PEOPLE ARE NOW HAVE ADJUSTED TO THAT  
7   BY ENTERING ON HILL. BUT THEN TO COME AND FIND OUT ALSO L.A.  
8   CITY IS DOING HILL CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT ANY DEPARTMENT OF  
9   TRAFFIC CONTROL FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ON HILL AND  
10   TEMPLE OR DIRECTING TRAFFIC ON TEMPLE AND GRAND. YOU HAD THIS  
11   CONGESTION THAT IMPACTED THE COURTS, IMPACTED THE DISTRICT  
12   ATTORNEYS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS. YOU IMPACTED JURORS WHO WERE  
13   TRYING TO GET HERE, TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO PARK. AND THEY  
14   HOLD UP COUNTY OPERATION. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THAT.

15

16   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YEAH, BOTH THE CHAIR'S OFFICE AND MY OFFICE  
17   INDEPENDENTLY HAVE CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER  
18   ASKING THEM TO SCHEDULE THEIR WORK ON OFF-PEAK HOURS, BECAUSE  
19   IT WAS THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER HAVING THEIR TRUCKS  
20   DOING SOME UTILITY WORK IN THE MANHOLES. BUT THEY DO SO WHEN  
21   ALL OF OUR PEOPLE ARE COMING TO WORK AND ALSO LAST NIGHT WHEN  
22   THEY WERE LEAVING TO WORK, I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT BACKUP  
23   TODAY. AND I COME IN EARLY. BUT I KNOW EVERYONE, THE WHOLE  
24   MORNING WAS IMPACTED BY IT. SO WE REACHED OUT TO THE INTERIM  
25   DIRECTOR. THE CHAIR'S OFFICE REACHED OUT TO THE INTERIM



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1 DIRECTOR OF D.W.P. AND I REACHED OUT TO THE NO. 2 PERSON, THE  
2 CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, ASKING THEM TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION  
3 DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF NEED BE, WE SHOULD STATION OUR TRAFFIC  
6 CONTROL ON THOSE CORNERS AND BILL THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
7 THE COST OF THOSE OFFICERS. THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT  
8 THEIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS WHERE THERE'S CONGESTION. AND  
9 HAVING CONGESTION BETWEEN TWO COURTS AND THE HALL OF  
10 ADMINISTRATION IS IRRESPONSIBLE.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I AGREE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LEADERSHIP OF CITY HALL.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I AGREE. AND DURING THE MEETING, I RECEIVED A  
17 RESPONSE BACK FROM-- AT LEAST THE INTERIM DIRECTOR SENT A  
18 RESPONSE BACK STATING THAT THEY'RE LOOKING INTO THIS AND WILL  
19 GET BACK TO US SHORTLY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, I HOPE THEY GET BACK BEFORE WE HAVE THE  
22 SAME PROBLEM TOMORROW MORNING WITH THE EMPLOYEES COMING TO  
23 WORK.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE ON TOP OF THIS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FOR THOSE COURTROOMS THAT WERE DELAYED,  
3 THEY OUGHT TO SEND THE BILL TO CITY HALL TO PAY FOR THOSE  
4 LAWYER FEES PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY FOR NOT HAVING THEIR TRIAL SET  
5 ON TIME. ALSO I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION, MADAME CHAIR.  
6 "STRENGTHENING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S CHILDREN PROTECTION  
7 SAFETY NET THAT WE ALL REALIZE AND KNOW THAT CHILDREN ARE THE  
8 MOST PRECIOUS OF OUR COUNTIES AND STATE AND NATION. MOREOVER,  
9 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN ARE DESERVING OF THE HIGHEST  
10 QUALITY OF EVERY POSSIBLE SERVICE THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO  
11 OFFER. THAT MEANS ALL DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THE  
12 CHILDREN HAVE TO BE COMMUNICATING AND INVOLVED. OVER THE PAST  
13 YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS  
14 IMPLEMENTED HIGHER STANDARD OF CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS TO  
15 ENHANCEMENTS TO IMPROVE THAT SAFETY. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S  
16 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS BY  
17 GRANTING THE WAIVER FOR THE STATUTORY INVESTIGATION PERIOD  
18 FROM 30 DAYS TO 60 DAYS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. YET, TRAGEDIES  
19 DO CONTINUE. IMPROVING THESE OUTCOMES FOR THE SAFETY,  
20 PERMANENCY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF ABUSED AND NEGLECTED  
21 CHILDREN IS NOT ONLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, BUT ALSO THE VARIOUS OTHER  
23 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHICH THE CHILD OR HIS OR HER FAMILY COME  
24 INTO CONTACT WITH, SUCH AS THE COURTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES



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1 EITHER THROUGH A CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION OR DURING THE LIFE  
2 OF A CASE OR THE DISPOSITION OF THAT CHILD'S CASE THAT IS  
3 BEFORE THE COURT. THE FACT CALLS INTO QUESTION WHETHER OUR  
4 COUNTY OVERHAUL CHILDREN PROTECTION NET IS ADEQUATE AND THE  
5 QUESTION IS, IT ISN'T. WE WOULD MOVE THAT-- AND THIS IS CO-  
6 AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND MYSELF-- WE'D MOVE THAT  
7 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO EMPLOY AN  
8 INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM TO AUDIT AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS,  
9 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE RECENTLY  
10 IMPLEMENTED SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR  
11 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AS WELL  
12 AS WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S OVERALL CHILD PROTECTION  
13 SAFETY NET BY BLENDING FUNDING AND INTEGRATING SERVICES OF ALL  
14 OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH ABUSED  
15 AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND THAT FAMILIES-- IMPROVEMENT  
16 OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES." I KNOW WE CANNOT TELL THE  
17 COURTS WHAT TO DO, BUT THE COURTS HAVE TO HAVE A LIAISON OR  
18 SHARE THIS COMMUNICATION, AS WELL, BECAUSE THERE ARE TIMES  
19 WHEN DECISIONS ARE MADE BY COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
20 JUDICIARY THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THAT CHILD'S WELFARE, BUT  
21 THEY NEED TO BE INVOLVED AND UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES OF  
22 THESE ISSUES, AS WELL AS THE COUNSELS THAT REPRESENT THESE  
23 CHILDREN. SO I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN AUDIT WITHIN THE  
24 EXISTING BUDGET, WITHIN THE EXISTING BUDGET. AND I WOULD LIKE  
25 THAT AUDIT TO BE TIMELY, AND THAT WE HAVE RESPONSE WITH



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS DONE AS RAPIDLY AS THAT AUDIT CAN BE  
2 CONCLUDED. THE MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, UNLESS WE COULD DO IT  
3 TODAY. I'D SAY IT'S AN EMERGENCY. I'D LIKE TO SEE US TAKE  
4 ACTION ON THIS, MADAME CHAIR, IF WE COULD ASK COUNTY COUNSEL  
5 HER OPINION.

6

7 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** THE STANDARD IS VERY STRINGENT FOR AN  
8 URGENCY MOTION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE IT BE READ TODAY AND BROUGHT  
9 BACK NEXT WEEK. NEVERTHELESS, WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE  
10 INTEREST HERE. AND I WOULD THINK THAT THE C.E.O., WITH COUNTY  
11 COUNSEL, COULD START IMMEDIATELY WORKING ON IT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT IS AN AUDIT. IT IS DIFFERENT THAN JUST  
14 A REPORT BACK.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO FOR NEXT WEEK WE'LL DO THAT. ALL RIGHT.  
19 SO YOU DID HOLD ITEM NO. 14?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 14? I HAVE LISA GARRETT? THIS IS THE  
22 ITEM BEFORE US. COULD YOU JUST SUCCINCTLY AS TO HOW WE'RE  
23 GOING TO MOVE FORWARD TO DO WHAT THIS BOARD HAS REQUESTED, THE  
24 CLASSIFICATION STREAMLININGS, AND THE STREAMLINING THE PROCESS





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1 AND TO IMPROVE THE COMPENSATION STRUCTURE, TO MAKE IT QUICKLY  
2 TO HIRE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, HOW THAT WILL BE WORKING?

3

4 **LISA GARRETT:** YES, WE CAN SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **ELLEN SANDT:** ELLEN SANDT WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. JUST TO  
7 GIVE YOU QUICK BACKGROUND. BACK WHEN WE WERE DOING THE 2009  
8 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COUNTY, ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WAS  
9 IDENTIFIED BY BOTH DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OFFICES FOR NEEDING  
10 IMPROVEMENT WAS THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMPENSATION FUNCTIONS  
11 IN THE C.E.O. AND EXAMINATION OF RECRUITMENT FUNCTIONS THAT  
12 D.H.R. TAKES CARE OF. EVERYBODY WANTED TO SEE THE PROCESS  
13 STREAMLINED. WE WENT OUT AND HEARD A COUPLE OF CONSULTANTS  
14 THAT HAVE A LOT OF EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA ONE OF WHOM IS HERE  
15 TODAY, SANDRA COMREY, WHO IS HERE TO TALK ABOUT HER FINDINGS.  
16 BASICALLY WHERE WE THINK WE'VE GOT IS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BEST  
17 PRACTICES THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTING TO IMPROVE  
18 WHAT WE DO IN TERMS OF STREAMLINING CLASSIFICATIONS, REDUCING  
19 DUPLICATE EFFORTS IN TERMS OF TESTING AND HIRING, AND ACROSS-  
20 THE-BOARD BRINGING IN WHAT WE THINK ARE BETTER QUALIFIED  
21 CANDIDATES. WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO LET SANDRA TALK A LITTLE  
22 BRIEFLY ABOUT HER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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24 **SANDRA COMREY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. OUR STUDY CONSISTED OF THREE  
25 COMPONENTS. ONE WAS A SURVEY OF BEST PRACTICES FOR THE HUMAN



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1 RESOURCES FUNCTIONS THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF OUR STUDY. THOSE  
2 WERE, AS ELLEN SAID, RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, CLASSIFICATION  
3 AND COMPENSATION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE CONDUCTED SURVEYS  
4 AND INTERVIEWED A WIDE VARIETY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, MANAGERS  
5 AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THESE PROCESSES. AND CHERYL  
6 MAHAFFEY, MY COLLEAGUE AND I, CONDUCTED OUR OWN INDEPENDENT  
7 REVIEW OF WORK PROCESSES, POLICIES, DOCUMENTS, WORK PRODUCTS  
8 AND SO FORTH FOR THESE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. THE OVERALL  
9 CONCLUSION WE REACHED AT THE END OF OUR STUDY PROCESS WAS THAT  
10 THESE FUNCTIONS ARE NOT OPERATING-- HAVE NOT BEEN OPERATING AT  
11 THE LEVEL OF QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY WHICH ARE NEEDED TO  
12 SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS STRATEGIC GOALS FOR  
13 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE.  
14 SPECIFICALLY, THEY HAVE NOT OPERATED FROM A STRATEGIC  
15 PERSPECTIVE. HISTORICALLY THEY'VE OPERATED IN A VERY  
16 TRANSACTIONAL FASHION. THEY HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH CURRENT BEST  
17 PRACTICES IN THE FIELD. THERE HAS BEEN AN OVER RELIANCE ON USE  
18 OF SELECTION PROCESSES THAT ARE OF LIMITED VALIDITY AND  
19 UTILITY. WORK PROCESSES THEMSELVES ARE SLOW AND INEFFICIENT,  
20 AND THEREFORE RESPONSE TIME TO CUSTOMERS, THE DEPARTMENTS AND  
21 THE APPLICANTS AND SO FORTH FOR JOBS, HAS BEEN VERY SLOW. AND,  
22 LASTLY, VERY LIMITED CREDIBILITY FOR THESE FUNCTIONS ON THE  
23 PART OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS. THESE PROBLEMS ARE A RESULT OF A  
24 NUMBER OF FACTORS WHICH WE'VE OUTLINED IN SOME DETAIL IN OUR  
25 REPORT. THE IMPORTANT THING TO NOTE ABOUT THEM IS THAT THE



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1 VARIOUS FACTORS ARE HIGHLY INDEPENDENT-- HIGHLY  
2 INTERDEPENDENT. AND SO WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS IS THERE'S NOT A  
3 SINGLE, SIMPLE SOLUTION TO QUICKLY RESOLVE THE AREAS THAT  
4 WE'VE IDENTIFIED AS BEING DEFICIENT. WE'VE PRESENTED IN OUR  
5 REPORT, 66 SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE  
6 BELIEVE, TAKEN TOGETHER, CAN TRANSFORM THESE FOUR H.R. SYSTEMS  
7 INTO STRATEGIC HIGH VALUE FUNCTIONS WHICH WE THINK THE COUNTY  
8 DESPERATELY NEEDS. WE'VE OUTLINED A COUPLE OF FOUNDATIONAL  
9 CHANGES, WHICH INCLUDE ENGAGEMENT OF DEPARTMENTS AND UNIONS  
10 AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLUTIONS  
11 THAT NEED TO COME OUT OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS AND  
12 MOVEMENT TO A CUSTOMER SERVICE CONSULTATIVE CULTURE. A NUMBER  
13 OF MAJOR INITIATIVES INCLUDE STREAMLINING THE CLASSIFICATION  
14 PLANS, REDESIGNING AND STREAMLINING RECRUITMENT SELECTION  
15 PROCESSES, TRANSITION TO A COMPETENCY-BASED APPROACH TO  
16 SUPPORT ALL OF H.R. FUNCTIONS. AND AS THE REPORT BEFORE YOU  
17 STATES, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS THAT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY  
18 IS CONDUCTING A PILOT COMPETENCY MODEL PROJECT USING THE  
19 CONTRACT ANALYST'S CLASS SERIES, WHICH IS NOW BEING CREATED.  
20 WE THINK THE RESULTS OF A TRANSITION TO A COMPETENCY  
21 METHODOLOGY WILL HAVE THE VARIOUS BENEFITS THAT ARE OUTLINED  
22 IN THE CEO'S REPORT AND REALLY SERVE TO FACILITATE  
23 IMPROVEMENTS IN STREAMLINING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND IN  
24 IMPROVING RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROCESSES, SO THAT THE  
25 COUNTY IS ABLE TO HIRE THE BEST POSSIBLE PEOPLE FOR ITS JOBS.



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1 A FURTHER INITIATIVE IS INTENSIVE TRAINING, WHICH WE THINK IS  
2 NECESSARY TO UPGRADE THE H.R. STAFF COMPETENCIES IN THESE KEY  
3 FUNCTIONS, BOTH IN CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS AND IN THE LINE  
4 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PERFORMING THOSE FUNCTIONS NOW. A NUMBER  
5 OF OTHER CRITICAL CHANGES ARE OUTLINED IN THE REPORT. THEY  
6 RANGE FROM RE-EXAMINING THE DESIGN OF H.R. ARCHITECTURE FOR  
7 THE COUNTY, ESTABLISHING AN H.R. POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR GUIDANCE  
8 TO ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ESTABLISHING STAFF CUSTOMER SERVICE  
9 ACCOUNTABILITIES, REVITALIZING THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC  
10 WORKFORCE PLANNING PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT  
11 FOR WORK PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS, WORK PROCESS RE-ENGINEERING,  
12 AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE METRICS WHICH CAN BE USED  
13 BOTH TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE PART OF THE PROGRAMS AND  
14 THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE STAFF THAT PERFORM THEM. ONE OF  
15 THE THINGS THAT I HOPE IS EVIDENT IN MY BRIEF REMARKS IS THAT  
16 THESE CHANGES, THE CHANGES NECESSARY TO MOVE THESE FOUR  
17 FUNCTIONS TO THE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE THAT'S NECESSARY, IS  
18 GOING TO REQUIRE A MULTI-YEAR EFFORT AND WILL REQUIRE THE  
19 ONGOING OVERSIGHT AND SUPPORT OF YOUR BOARD AND THE C.E.O.'S  
20 OFFICE. BOTH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND C.E.O. CLASS  
21 COMP ADMINISTRATION DIVISION HAVE PUT TOGETHER VERY EXTENSIVE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION PLANS TO TAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TURN  
23 THEM INTO ACTION.

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1 **ELLEN SANDT:** I WAS GOING TO SAY, WITH THAT, IF YOU HAVE  
2 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, BOTH LISA AND STEVE ARE HERE AND CAN  
3 ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATIONS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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7 **LISA GARRETT:** CAN I JUST ADD, SUPERVISOR, THAT ALTHOUGH THE  
8 REPORT DEALS WITH FOUR DIFFERENT H.R. DISCIPLINES, WE ARE  
9 WORKING ON OVERHAUL OF ALL OF H.R. FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE  
10 COUNTY, NOT JUST RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, CLASSIFICATION AND  
11 COMPETENCIES. WE'RE WORKING ON DISCIPLINE, REVISING AND  
12 UPDATING THE GUIDELINES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED SINCE I  
13 THINK THE 1980S, AND HAVING-- WE'RE WORKING ON POLICY  
14 DEVELOPMENT, SUCCESSION PLANNING, A WHOLE HOST OF THINGS THAT  
15 ARE NOT LISTED IN THE REPORT THAT I'D BE WILLING, OF COURSE,  
16 TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO YOUR BOARD REGARDING.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVE THE MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS? ARE YOU MR. SACHS?

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22 **CHONTEL ROLISON:** NO.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY DID YOU COME UP?

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1   **CHONTEL ROLISON:** BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO MISS MY TURN. DID  
2   YOU CALL CHONTEL ROLISON YET? I'LL WAIT.

3

4   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS.  
5   WHEN I READ THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA, THE REASON I CAME UP  
6   HERE, LET ME JUST SAY, SIMON AND GARFUNKEL, JOHNSON AND  
7   JOHNSON, UP AND DOWN, SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS, WALK  
8   AND CHEW GUM, IN AND OUT HAMBURGERS. THE FOUR CORE HUMAN  
9   RESOURCES SYSTEM, RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, CLASSIFICATION,  
10   COMPENSATION AND OPPORTUNITIES. WELL IF MY PREVIOUS EXAMPLES  
11   COUNT FOR ANYTHING, EACH ONE OF THOSE EXAMPLES INCLUDED "AND"  
12   SOMETHING AND. SO IF YOU LOOK AT THIS AND YOU SAY THE FOUR  
13   CORE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM, I COUNT FIVE CORE. AND I DON'T  
14   COUNT, ACCOUNTABILITY BEING PART OF THAT-- I KNOW IT'S JUST A  
15   QUESTION OF SEMANTICS. WHEN I'M STANDING IN LINE TO COME INTO  
16   THE MEETING TODAY, YOU HAVE ON YOUR VIDEO SCREENS DIFFERENT  
17   PROGRAMS THE COUNTY OFFERS. AND ONE OF THEM IS "IN PLAIN  
18   LANGUAGE" PROGRAM. SO IN PLAIN LANGUAGE. YOU LIST FIVE  
19   CATEGORIES FOR YOUR FOUR CORE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM. MAYBE  
20   THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THERE'S A PROBLEM IN SOME OF THE  
21   DEPARTMENTS. CAN YOU SAY BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY?  
22   GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,  
23   ANSWERS AND ATTENTION AS ALWAYS.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ITEM 14. MOVED  
2   BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE IS NO  
3   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, WE'VE ALL BEEN OUTRAGED AT WHAT  
6   OCCURRED IN THE CITY OF BELL. COULD YOU ELABORATE WHY THAT  
7   WOULD NOT OCCUR WITHIN THE COUNTY? HOW WE'RE PROTECTED, OUR  
8   L.A.C.E.R.A.?

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10   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** FIRST AND FOREMOST, THAT SALARY WAS APPROVED  
11   BY THE GOVERNING BODY, OR IN THIS INSTANCE THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
12   BELL. THIS BOARD WOULD NOT APPROVE A SALARY LIKE THAT. SECOND,  
13   AND IT WAS INTERESTING WHEN THAT CAME OUT, YOU NEED TO KNOW  
14   THAT THE CITY MANAGERS AND OTHER FOLKS UP AND DOWN THE STATE,  
15   OTHER C.A.O.S VOICED THEIR ANGER AT THAT SALARY AND WHAT  
16   HAPPENS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ALL THE STORIES AND THE PENSION  
17   SPIKING AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THE PROFESSION OF WHETHER THE  
18   CITY MANAGER OR C.A.O., FOLKS TAKE WHAT THEY DO VERY SERIOUSLY  
19   AND WITH A LOT OF PRIDE. AND WHAT HAPPENED DOWN IN BELL, I  
20   THOUGHT WAS PERSONALLY-- WAS REPUGNANT, TO BE VERY BLUNT. AND  
21   SO SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE, IN MY PERSONAL  
22   OPINION, I AM ONLY VOICING MY OPINION, IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE  
23   GOVERNING AN ENTITY LIKE A CITY OR IN THE CASE IF IT SHOULD  
24   HAPPEN IN THE COUNTY, WHICH IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN HERE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. COULD WE CALL S-1? IT'S 11  
2    O'CLOCK. I MEAN, LET ME DEFER TO THE CHAIR.

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4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS IT S-1?

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 22. BUT S-1 IS THE HUMAN BUDGET.

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8    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CALL THEM TOGETHER.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS AND ALL  
11   THAT AND YOUR MOTIONS?

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13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, LET'S DO THIS ITEM.

14

15   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** CAN WE COMBINE BOTH 22 AND S-1?

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17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

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19   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M JOINED BY THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
20   SERVICES, JOHN SCHUNHOFF, THE C.F.O. OF D.H.S. ALLAN WECKER  
21   AND THEN SHEILA SHIMA FROM OUR OFFICE. WE'RE ASKED TO SPEAK TO  
22   SOME OF THE PLACEHOLDERS IN THE BUDGET. AND I'LL GO OVER THEM  
23   VERY BRIEFLY BECAUSE I WANT TO FOCUS A LOT OF OUR TIME ON  
24   D.H.S. AND THE SERIOUS IMPACT THAT IS BEING CAUSED BY BOTH THE  
25   STATE AND THE FEDERAL LEVEL FOR NOT TAKING OR MOVING-- TAKING



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1 DECISIVE ACTION AT SOME OF OUR REQUESTS. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT  
2 WE STARTED WITH AN N.C.C. BUDGET GAP OF \$510 MILLION. AS PART  
3 OF THAT GAP, WE HAVE \$115 MILLION IN SAVINGS THROUGH-- WELL  
4 HOPEFULLY PROPOSED SAVINGS THROUGH ACCOMMODATION OF LABOR  
5 MANAGEMENT OPTIONS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH OUR  
6 UNION PARTNERS, I'LL CHARACTERIZE IT AS THAT. BECAUSE WE'RE AT  
7 THE TABLE RIGHT NOW, IT'S DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS EACH AND EVERY  
8 I THING THAT WE HAVE, THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT; BUT KNOW THAT  
9 WE'RE STARTING THE TABLE UP WITH THE COALITION SCHEDULED FOR  
10 NEXT TUESDAY. THEY HAVEN'T COMPLETELY SHUT US DOWN. THEY  
11 HAVEN'T COME FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE.  
12 BUT WE STILL HAVE THAT DISCUSSION. A BIG PART OF OUR, I'LL  
13 CALL IT A PLACEHOLDER PROBLEM, DEALS WITH THE F.M.A.P. WHEN  
14 THIS BUDGET WAS FIRST PROPOSED TO THE BOARD AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
15 THE FINAL BUDGET WAS APPROVED, WE HAD A STRONG INDICATION THAT  
16 THE F.M.A.P. WAS GOING TO GO FORWARD. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT, I  
17 THINK YOU KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOME DISSENSION AMONGST I WOULD  
18 SAY THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND WE COULDN'T GET THE NECESSARY  
19 SUPPORT AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE  
20 SENATE TO PASS THE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION. THERE'S RUMORS THAT  
21 THERE WILL BE-- THE PROPOSED PERCENTAGE INCREASE WILL BE  
22 REDUCED. IT'S HOPED THAT IT WILL BE DONE BEFORE THIS RECESS,  
23 THIS AUGUST. IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. THE  
24 SECOND SCENARIO WOULD BE TO HAVE IT DONE AFTER SOMETIME IN  
25 LATE NOVEMBER BUT BEFORE THE F.M.A.P. INCREASE EXPIRES ON



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1 DECEMBER 31ST OF THIS YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
2 PLACEHOLDERS, I THINK WE'LL WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE THAT  
3 DISCUSSION. WE HAVE ONE IN D.H.S. OF \$25 MILLION THAT'S  
4 RELATED TO F.M.A.P.. WE HAVE \$1.5 MILLION PLACEHOLDER IN  
5 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ALSO RELATED TO  
6 F.M.A.P.. AND THEN WE HAVE A-- I'M SORRY-- WE HAVE IN  
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES \$4.8 MILLION RELATED TO  
8 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WAIVER, A FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WAIVER. WE  
9 HAVE \$6.5 MILLION IN CARRYOVER FUNDING FOR H.1.N.1. THE LAST  
10 TWO WE FEEL FAIRLY CONFIDENT ABOUT BECAUSE HISTORICALLY THE  
11 STATE HAS APPROVED THE WAIVER REQUESTS FOR FOOD STAMPS AND THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF-- THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
13 HAS NOT ROUTINELY BUT HISTORICALLY APPROVED OUR CARRYOVER  
14 REQUESTS, WHAT THIS CONSTITUTES, AND HAS PREPARED GRANT FUNDS.  
15 NOW, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES'  
16 BUDGET AND I WANT TO HAVE JOHN AND ALAN CHIME IN BECAUSE  
17 THEY'VE BEEN OUR PRINCIPAL SPOKESPERSONS AT THE TABLE WORKING  
18 ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. WHAT WE HAVE IS WE HAVE THREE  
19 THINGS. WE HAVE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION. WE HAVE THE PROVIDER FEE.  
20 AND WE HAVE THE WAIVER. TOGETHER, THEY GO A LONG WAYS TOWARDS  
21 CLOSING THE GAP THAT WE HAVE IN A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
22 SERVICES, WHICH COULD BE FROM \$389 MILLION TO AS HIGH AS I  
23 BELIEVE \$429 MILLION. WE HAVE AN ACTIVE CONVERSATION IN FACT  
24 THIS YEAR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH C.M.S., WE HAVE JOHN AND  
25 ALAN, HAVE PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.



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1 WE'RE ASKING FOR MOVEMENT ON THE WAIVER, PRINCIPALLY IN WHAT  
2 IS CHARACTERIZED AS AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT. BUT YET CURRENTLY  
3 WE'RE GETTING SOME PRESSURE FROM SOME OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED  
4 IN THIS NEGOTIATION TO BACK AWAY FROM THAT AND TO LOOK AN AN  
5 INCENTIVE POLL. WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDER FEE, AS RECENTLY AS  
6 ABOUT A WEEK AGO, AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE PROVIDER FEE  
7 PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO C.M.S., AND WE'VE HEARD ON A  
8 PRELIMINARY BASIS THAT IT HAS SOME-- IT HAS A STRONG  
9 POSSIBILITY OF MOVING FORWARD. BUT YET IT KEEPS CHANGING, NOT  
10 ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE CHANGING AS WE MOVE  
11 FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS. WHAT PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE-- AND  
12 THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE-- WHAT FOLKS DON'T REALIZE IS  
13 IF WE DON'T GET A FAVORABLE RESPONSE IN THE WAIVER FEE, IF THE  
14 PROVIDER FEE GOES FORWARD, IF THE F.M.A.P. EXTENSION DOESN'T  
15 OCCUR, WE'RE LOOKING AT, I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT-- I'LL JUST  
16 SAY IT. WE'RE LOOKING AT A VERY SEVERE IMPACT TO OUR HEALTH  
17 SERVICES PROGRAM. RIGHT NOW WE SERVICE ABOUT 730,000 PATIENTS  
18 A YEAR. IF THIS MONEY DOESN'T GO FORWARD, THE IMPACT TO OUR  
19 DEPARTMENT IS CATASTROPHIC. THE IMPACT TO THE HEALTHCARE  
20 SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS EVEN WORSE. WE COULD  
21 LOOK AT REDUCING THAT, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WE'VE SERVED BY  
22 AS MANY AS 420,000 PATIENTS. IF WE LOOK AT HEALTH REFORM AND  
23 WHAT'S BEING ASKED OF US AS BEING ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL  
24 PROVIDERS OF HEALTHCARE FOR NOT ONLY THE UNDERSERVED BUT ALSO  
25 THOSE WHO WILL OBTAIN HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR THE FIRST



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1 TIME, I THINK WE'RE THE LYNCHPIN FOR THAT SYSTEM. WE'RE THE  
2 ABSOLUTE LYNCHPIN FOR THE TRAUMA SYSTEM. IF PEOPLE DON'T  
3 RECOGNIZE THAT, THE WAIVER, THE PROVIDER FEE AND THE F.M.A.P.  
4 HAS ON OUR SYSTEM, THEY NEED TO WAKE UP, BECAUSE WHERE WE'RE  
5 POSITIONED IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY, I THINK  
6 AS WE GO, THE WHOLE COUNTY GOES. THE IMPACT COULD BE ENORMOUS.  
7 I WOULD HAVE JOHN GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE WAIVER. THEN ALSO  
8 THE PROVIDER FEE. THE WAIVER PROVIDER FEE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** BEFORE, COULD I JUST ASK ONE QUICK QUESTION?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WHO IS ASKING US TO BACK AWAY?

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16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'LL HAVE JOHN DO THAT.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. JOHN, WHO IS ASKING US TO BACK AWAY?

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20 **DR. JOHN JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** AT THIS POINT IT'S THE STATE. WE WERE  
21 ON A CONFERENCE CALL WITH C.M.S. AND THE STATE REGARDING THE  
22 ISSUE OF THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS IN THE GLOBAL  
23 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. C.M.S. SUGGESTED THAT A BETTER WAY TO  
24 DO IT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WOULD BE FROM AN INCENTIVE POOL. OUR  
25 CONCERN WITH THAT IS THE WAY WE PROPOSED IT WITH THE GLOBAL



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1 DEMONSTRATION AND THE 150 PERCENT U.P.L. GIVES A MORE PUBLIC  
2 HEALTH-- PUBLIC HOSPITAL-BASED SYSTEM OF REIMBURSEMENT AND THE  
3 INCENTIVE POOL IS SUBJECT TO MORE, TO SPREADING AROUND TO A  
4 LOT OF DIFFERENT AREAS. THE STATE, THOUGH, IS THE ONE THAT IN  
5 SEVERAL MEETINGS LAST WEEK PUSHED US TO MOVE FROM THE POSITION  
6 THAT WAS IN THEIR PROPOSAL TO WHAT C.M.S. HAS INDICATED, THAT  
7 THEY THOUGHT WAS MAYBE A BETTER WAY TO GO.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO GET A BETTER DEAL  
10 THAN US FIRST?

11

12 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE WAIVER  
13 DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATION IS THAT THE STATE'S KEY INTEREST  
14 IN THIS IS HELPING TO SOLVE THEIR BUDGET PROBLEM FOR '10/'11.  
15 SO THEY'RE SEEKING TO FEDERALIZE SOME PROGRAMS AND SAVE STATE  
16 GENERAL FUNDS. SO THERE'S A CERTAIN INHERENT CONFLICT BETWEEN  
17 PROVIDING MORE FUNDS TO THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND PROVIDING  
18 MORE FUNDS TO SOLVE THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS YOUR RESPONSE?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** -- LET'S GET THE RESPONSE FROM THE STATE?

25



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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE'VE TOLD THEM WE WANT TO STAY WITH THEM  
2 FOR THE GLOBAL DEMONSTRATION AND WITH THE 150 PERCENT U.P.L.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AT THIS JUNCTURE  
5 FOR US TO STAND FIRM. THERE IS ANOTHER REFERENCE IN OUR REPORT  
6 TO THE COST-BASED REIMBURSEMENT CLINIC FUNDING THAT WE GET  
7 THROUGH THE STATE. THE STATE OWES US \$172 MILLION. WE HEARD  
8 RECENTLY-- AND THIS IS FOR A PAST YEAR, AS FAR BACK AS THE  
9 FISCAL YEAR '05/'06. THE STATE TOLD US RECENTLY WE WON'T GET  
10 THAT REIMBURSEMENT THIS FISCAL YEAR; WE WON'T GET IT UNTIL  
11 NEXT YEAR. THAT'S GOING TO CREATE A CASH FLOW PROBLEM FOR US  
12 AND REQUIRE US TO SET UP AN ACCRUAL. BUT THAT'S MONEY THAT'S  
13 OWED TO US BY THE STATE. AT THE SAME TIME THEY'RE ASKING US TO  
14 BACK AWAY, BUT YET THEY'RE NOT REIMBURSING US FOR MONIES OWED  
15 FOR BILLS WE SUBMITTED, WHAT, FIVE YEARS AGO, RIGHT? YOU.

16

17 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** JUST A COUPLE POINTS TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT  
18 MR. FUJIOKA SAID. ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES FOR THE F.M.A.P.  
19 EXTENSION, EVEN THOUGH THE SIX MONTHS ON THE FACE OF IT ONLY  
20 GETS A \$33.8 MILLION, IT'S ALSO KEY TO EXTENSION OF THE  
21 PROVIDER FEE SHOULD IT GET APPROVED FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS,  
22 WHICH WOULD BRING US ANOTHER 57 MILLION SO THAT THE TOTAL  
23 PACKAGE OF THAT WOULD BE 115 MILLION IN '10/'11. THE SECOND  
24 POINT IS THAT THE CRITICALNESS OF THE PROVIDER FEE IS NOT ONLY  
25 FOR '10/'11, BUT IT IT'S ALSO FOR CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR





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1 '09/'10. BECAUSE WE HAVE YET TO CLOSE THE BOOKS FOR '09/'10.  
2 AND THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF IT, 144 MILLION THAT WE'LL  
3 GET TOWARDS '09/'10 IF THIS GETS APPROVED AT THE CURRENT  
4 PROPOSAL. AND, FINALLY, ON THE WAIVER, WE MADE IT VERY CLEAR  
5 THAT US ACHIEVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH THE WAIVER IS  
6 CRITICAL FOR US MAINTAINING SERVICES AND IF WE DON'T, WE WILL  
7 BE IN A POSITION, AS MR. FUJIOKA SAID, TO BE PROPOSING  
8 SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES. MADAME CHAIR, THAT'S THE  
9 REPORT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. ALL RIGHT. LET ME  
12 UNDERSTAND THIS PART. LET ME ASK SOME QUESTIONS ON THIS  
13 BECAUSE I'M NOT GETTING AN ANSWER HERE. FOR OUR BUDGET, AGAIN,  
14 FOR LAST YEAR, THE DEFICIT AMOUNT WAS HOW MUCH?

15

16 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THE LAST TIME WE CAME TO YOU  
17 WITH OUR FISCAL FORECAST, IT WAS AROUND \$200 MILLION.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND HOW ARE WE RESOLVING THAT?

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21 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE-- FIRST PLACE, WE NEED  
22 THE PROVIDER FEE. THAT BRINGS US \$144 MILLION. AND WE HAVE  
23 PROPOSED THAT THERE BE USE OF ADDITIONAL \$9 MILLION FOR  
24 MEASURE B FUNDS THAT ARE ONE-TIME FUNDS AVAILABLE THERE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHICH ONES?

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3    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** MEASURE B. 9 MILLION. AND THEN THE--  
4    SHOULD WE GET THOSE TWO, THEN AS WE CLOSE THE BOOKS, AND TO  
5    THE EXTENT THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO CLOSE THE GAP BY HAVING  
6    ACHIEVED SAVINGS IN TERMS OF OUR EXPENDITURES, THEN WE'LL HAVE  
7    TO BE DEPENDENT UPON THE USE OF ONE-TIME FUNDS FROM THE  
8    COUNTY, FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS. THIS HOSPITAL  
11   PROVIDER FEE THAT YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE GOING TO CLOSE WITH IS  
12   FROM WHERE?

13

14   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE--

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT IS ONE WE ALREADY HAVE?

17

18   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THIS IS THE ONE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT  
19   THAT IS BEING PROPOSED BY THE STATE.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT THIS IS FOR LAST YEAR'S  
22   BUDGET.

23

24   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, BUT IT'S NOT BEEN APPROVED YET.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RETROACTIVE.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO  
4    UNDERSTAND WHERE THE MONEY IS BEING COUNTED. SO FOR 2009/2010,  
5    THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE YOU HAVE ON HERE? YOU SAY HOW MUCH?  
6    144 MILLION?

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8    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THE ONE WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN YET.

11

12   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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14   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND THAT WOULD STILL LEAVE YOU WITH QUITE  
15   A BIT OF MONEY TO MAKE UP IF YOU WERE TO GET THE HOSPITAL  
16   PROVIDER FEE. RIGHT?

17

18   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO YOU WOULD GET IT FROM WHERE?

21

22   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS HE MENTIONED, AS THE DEPARTMENT CLOSES THE  
23   BOOKS, AS WE DO THAT WITH ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, IT'S LIKELY  
24   THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE FUNDS LEFT OVER AS A CONSEQUENCE OF A  
25   NUMBER OF INITIATIVES THEY HAVE TAKEN IN EVERY SINGLE



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1 HOSPITAL, IN DIFFERENT ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
2 TO REDUCE THEIR COSTS. AND SO IN THE NEXT PROBABLY ABOUT TWO  
3 TO THREE WEEKS AS WE WORK WITH THE AUDITOR TO CLOSE OUT THE  
4 BOOKS OF EVERY DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE HEALTH SERVICES, IT'S  
5 REASONABLE TO THINK THAT THERE WILL BE SOME MONEY THAT WILL BE  
6 LEFT OVER FROM THE BUDGET THAT HASN'T BEEN SPENT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE DIFFERENCE--

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE WAY YOU'RE PUTTING IT ON HERE BUT ARE  
13 NOT SAYING IT. IT'S TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEY, RIGHT?

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE'RE  
16 SAYING--

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HOW MUCH IS TOBACCO SETTLEMENT?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MEASURE B AND WE'RE  
21 TALKING ABOUT CLOSING THE BOOKS. IF THAT'S INSUFFICIENT, THEN  
22 WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS AT THAT POINT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LAST YEAR'S BUDGET,  
25 BILL.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT A PROVIDER  
3 FEE. THE LAST CONVERSATION WE HAD, BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT  
4 A COMPROMISED PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO C.M.S. IT'S BEEN  
5 WORKED OUT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. IT'S BEEN  
6 WORKED OUT WITH A NUMBER-- THE STATE. AND WE ARE IN DISCUSSION  
7 WITH THE C.M.S. WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE GET A POSITIVE WORD ON  
8 THAT. HOPEFULLY ACTUALLY THIS WEEK TO GET SOME.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY WOULD THAT CHANGE THAT, THOUGH, FOR  
11 LAST YEAR? FOR WHAT? THIS IS STILL ON THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER  
12 FEE, RIGHT? BUT THAT'S ONLY 144 MILLION. I'M LOOKING FOR THE  
13 REMAINING AMOUNT?

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE HAS A RETROACTIVITY  
16 CLAUSE.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. AND IF YOU GET IT, YOU'RE  
19 GOING TO USE 144 MILLION OF IT RETROACTIVELY. I UNDERSTAND  
20 THAT. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE REMAINING AMOUNT.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** HE MENTIONED THAT. THE OTHER REMAINING AMOUNT,  
23 9 MILLION IDENTIFIED THROUGH MEASURE B, AND THE BALANCE, WE  
24 HOPE THAT AS WE CLOSE THE BOOKS WITH D.H.S., THAT THERE WILL  
25 BE SOME MONEY THAT AS IT HAS IN THE PAST--



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU THINK THERE WILL BE 50 SOME MILLION  
3 DOLLARS LEFT? ALL RIGHT. [OVERLAPPING CONVERSATION]

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE WILL BE SOME LEFT. BUT THE BALANCE OF  
6 THAT LEFT, WE WOULD ASK TO USE THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE REASON WHY I'M ASKING IS THESE  
9 PRETENSIONS OR THESE IDEAS THAT SOME OF THIS WAS GOING TO COME  
10 BY, I MEAN FOR US, WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT. IT IS NOT JUST  
11 YOU OR US. WHEN WE WENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., I MEAN WHY EVEN  
12 BOTHER WITH THE F.M.A.P.? WE DIDN'T NEED TO LOBBY THAT BECAUSE  
13 WHETHER YOU WERE SPEAKING TO REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS,  
14 EVERYBODY AGREED THAT WAS ALREADY IN THE BILL AND IT WAS A  
15 DONE DEAL. AND THAT HAS BECOME JUST THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE THING  
16 AFTER PHONE CALL AFTER PHONE CALL AFTER PHONE CALL WITH  
17 ASSURING US "OH, DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE THE  
18 FULL AMOUNT." NOW, WE CAN'T EVEN GET THAT. AND THAT WAS THE  
19 SURE THING. SO FOR ME TO THINK OF THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE OR  
20 THE WAIVER GOING TO BE WITHIN OUR TIMEFRAME, I THINK WE'RE  
21 BEING OVERLY OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SOLVED LAST YEAR'S  
22 DEFICIT. THEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE DEFICIT THAT YOU JUST  
23 MENTIONED THAT COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM 389 MILLION TO THE 429  
24 MILLION. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT, AND THE OPTIONS THAT ARE  
25 THERE, I MEAN THE ONLY THING THAT I KNOW THAT IS FOR SURE IS



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1 THE 8 MILLION IN MEASURE B FUNDS. AND OF COURSE I HOPE THAT'S  
2 LEFT OVER AN AFTER YOU USE IT FOR LAST YEAR'S DEFICIT,  
3 CORRECT? THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE, RIGHT? AND THEN THE \$42  
4 MILLION IN TOBACCO MONEY. RIGHT? SO IF YOU USE 51 OF IT FOR  
5 THE YEAR BEFORE, IS THERE 42 MILLION LEFT?

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO WOULD THAT WIPE IT OUT?

10

11 **ALLAN WECKER:** NO. THERE STILL WOULD BE MONEY IN THE TOBACCO  
12 SETTLEMENT FUND, SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF \$100 MILLION STILL.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HOW MUCH?

15

16 **ALLAN WECKER:** ABOUT 100 MILLION.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER  
19 AREAS, THE WAIVER, OF COURSE, WE DON'T KNOW. RIGHT NOW, ALL WE  
20 KNOW IS THAT THE STATE IS OPERATING AS THEY USUALLY OPERATE,  
21 AND THAT IS TAKE CARE OF THEM FIRST AND BE ABLE TO THINK ABOUT  
22 THE COUNTY LATER. AND SO WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT'S GOING TO  
23 GET RESOLVED OUT. BUT THE OTHER PART THAT'S IN HERE IS THE  
24 EFFICIENCIES OF \$18 MILLION. NOW, I NEED TO THINK WE NEED TO  
25 GET A PROGRESS REPORT OF WHERE THOSE EFFICIENCIES ARE AT FOR





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1 \$18 MILLION. BECAUSE I ALWAYS SEE THIS PUT INTO THE EQUATION,  
2 IT'S A NUMBER THAT'S PLAYED WITH, BUT I DON'T KNOW THE REAL  
3 NUMBERS. AND IT'S ALWAYS LIKE GENERIC ASPIRIN AND THOSE KIND  
4 OF THINGS THAT YOU ALWAYS BRING IN. SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND  
5 WHERE THAT 18 MILLION'S COMING FROM. BECAUSE WE'RE STILL  
6 GAMBLING THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET THE PROVIDER FEE IF WE'RE  
7 GOING TO RESOLVE THIS. AND WE'RE GAMBLING THAT WE'RE GETTING  
8 THE 150 MILLION FROM THE WAIVER. RIGHT? AND THAT WOULD BE  
9 AVAILABLE FOR THIS FOLLOWING YEAR. THAT WOULD BE THE AMOUNT,  
10 WE THINK. AND THAT STILL GIVES US \$114 MILLION DEFICIT. EVEN  
11 WITH ALL OF THAT INTO THE EQUATION. DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE SEE THIS ALSO WITH TODAY'S PAPER THAT  
16 WE MAY NOT HAVE A BUDGET PASSED UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW GOVERNOR  
17 IN JANUARY, WHICH SEVERELY, AGAIN, IMPACTS EVERY SCHOOL, CITY  
18 AND COUNTY. BUT WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS: AT THE FEDERAL  
19 LEVEL, THEY'RE ALSO HAVING DIFFICULTIES PASSING A BUDGET. BUT  
20 THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE DEEPER THE CUTS ARE GOING TO BE WHEN  
21 WE GET A FINAL BUDGET BECAUSE WE KNOW THE BUDGET, FOR ALL  
22 INTENTS AND PURPOSES, IS NOT GOING TO BE AS HIGH AS TO THE  
23 DEGREE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH. SO THE SIZE OF THOSE  
24 CUTS CURRENTLY IN THE PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US, THE



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1 QUESTION IS WHEN WILL THE BOARD BE PROVIDED WITH A DEFINITIVE  
2 PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS SHORTFALL? JOHN AND MR. FUJIOKA?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHEN I MENTIONED THAT EARLIER WHEN I SPOKE  
5 INFORM THE NUMBER OF PATIENT VISITS THAT COULD BE LOST SHOULD  
6 THE FEDERAL FUNDING NOT COME FORWARD, AND THAT'S EVERYTHING  
7 FROM F.M.A.P. TO PROVIDER FEE AND THE WAIVER, WE START TALKING  
8 IN TERMS OF 400,000 PATIENTS. IT DOESN'T REALLY SPEAK TO THE  
9 NUMBER OF VISITS WHICH YOU CAN GET, AT LEAST ON THE OUTPATIENT  
10 SIDE, YOU START TALKING ABOUT IN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF  
11 OUTPATIENT VISITS. THE IMPACT IT WOULD COST TO OUR DEPARTMENT  
12 AND WITH THAT MY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY IS ENORMOUS.  
13 THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO SACRAMENTO AND  
14 D.C. OF THE IMPORTANCE OF US RECEIVING WHAT WE FEEL IS MORE  
15 THAN REASONABLE THROUGH THE WAIVER, THE PROVIDER FEE AND  
16 F.M.A.P.. WE CAN, IF IT'S YOUR WISH, TO COME FORWARD WITH A  
17 VERY SPECIFIC LIST OF WHAT WE WOULD HAVE TO SHUT DOWN.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. BUT I'VE ASKED THIS TIME AFTER TIME  
20 WHEN WE'VE BEEN HERE. SO THIS ISN'T A NEW ISSUE THAT I'VE  
21 RAISED AT THIS BOARD MEETING BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE  
22 STATE HAS NOT TAKEN ACTION AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
23 CONTINUES TO DELAY, AS WELL. BUT WE NEED A DEFINITIVE PLAN TO  
24 ADDRESS THAT SHORTFALL. SO WE HAVE A DEFINITIVE PLAN TO  
25 PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC AS TO WHAT ACTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AND



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1 WHAT ACTIONS WE HAVE TO TAKE. I WAS IN WASHINGTON D.C.  
2 YESTERDAY ON A RELATED ISSUE, BUT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT  
3 DEFINITIVE PLANS. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DEFINITIVE PLANS ON A  
4 SPECIFIC ISSUE. THEY NEED THAT INFORMATION. WE NEED THE  
5 INFORMATION. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE PUBLIC NEEDS THAT  
6 INFORMATION. SO I WOULD LIKE IF WE WOULD HAVE A DEFINITIVE  
7 PLAN TO ADDRESS THAT SHORTFALL. YOUR ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT  
8 THE HEALTH CARE REFORM WILL SERVE, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, SOME  
9 500,000 PATIENTS, OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT WILL BE  
10 UNINSURED. COULD YOU PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A DETAILED  
11 BREAKDOWN OF THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-  
12 TERM REVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A PATIENT MIX UNDER THE  
13 HEALTH CARE REFORM? AND IF WE COULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION FOR  
14 NEXT WEEK, THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THIS BODY BECAUSE,  
15 AGAIN, CONGRESS JUST WENT BACK INTO SESSION YESTERDAY, BUT  
16 THEY'RE GOING TO BE PROBABLY ADJOURNING IN MID, LATE AUGUST.  
17 SO WE HAVE A VERY SHORT TIME FRAME. IF WE COULD HAVE THAT  
18 INFORMATION. AND THEN DURING THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DELIBERATIONS,  
19 WE DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK REGARDING HEALTHCARE  
20 SERVICES THAT ARE MANDATED BUT NOT COMPENSATED. AND IF WE  
21 COULD HAVE THE SERVICES THAT ARE MANDATED BUT NOT COMPENSATED,  
22 THAT QUESTION REMAINS UNANSWERED. IF WE COULD HAVE THAT  
23 INFORMATION NEXT WEEK OR THE WEEK AFTER. BUT NEXT WEEK IF  
24 POSSIBLE BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.  
25 AND WE NEED THAT TYPE OF A FOLLOWUP TO INCLUDE DETAILED



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1 INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC SERVICES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN  
2 THE DEFINITION OF SUBSISTENCE CARE. IF WE COULD HAVE THAT  
3 INFORMATION. BUT, AGAIN, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING WE JUST RAISE  
4 TODAY. IT'S ONGOING BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY THAT WE ARE  
5 HAVING IN THE STATE AND AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANYONE ELSE? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT, BUT I WANT TO JUST  
10 EMPHASIZE THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET WAS PREDICATED ON  
11 LARGELY THREE-- THE CLOSING OF THE DEFICIT WAS PREDICATED ON  
12 LARGELY THREE SOURCES OF REVENUE. ONE WAS THE F.M.A.P.. ONE  
13 WAS THE PROVIDER FEE AND ONE WAS THE WAIVER. AND THE KEY  
14 ELEMENT OF THE WAIVER WAS THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT.  
15 THOSE WERE THE THREE. THE F.M.A.P. IS ON LIFE SUPPORT. I THINK  
16 THAT'S AN EXAGGERATION AT THIS POINT. THERE'S NO REASON TO  
17 BELIEVE AT THIS POINT IT'S GOING ANYWHERE. I'D LIKE TO BE  
18 PROVEN WRONG ON THAT. THE HOSPITAL FEE, I DON'T KNOW-- I DON'T  
19 THINK ANY OF US KNOW WHERE IT IS. THE SAME PEOPLE WHO TOLD US  
20 IT WAS A SLAM DUNK TWO MONTHS AGO ARE TELLING US NOW THINGS  
21 ARE WORKED OUT WITH C.M.S. I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT. THE  
22 DEPTHS OF THE PROBLEM WE'RE IN IS REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT  
23 THE BEST SHOT WE HAVE NOW IS THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE. AND  
24 THE THIRD PIECE, THE WAIVER, UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, 150 PERCENT  
25 AND THE WAIVER AS A WHOLE AS WE JUST HEARD, THE STATE HAS,



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1 AFTER WORKING WITH US, PRESUMABLY WORKING WITH US FOR A PERIOD  
2 OF MANY WEEKS NOW ON THE ISSUE AND ALLEGEDLY CARRYING OUR  
3 WATER ON THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT, CORRECT?

4

5 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SOME TIME IN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS DECIDED  
8 THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT DEAL ANYMORE. AND THEY  
9 NOT ONLY ASKED-- TOLD US, BUT THEY WENT AND ASKED OTHER PUBLIC  
10 HOSPITALS TO-- PUBLIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATIONS TO PULL THEIR  
11 SUPPORT AND PULL THE PLUG ON THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT  
12 LIMIT PIECE OF THIS. AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO CALL IT AS IT IS.  
13 THIS IS A TRANSPARENT MOVE ON THE PART OF THE STATE. THE  
14 STATE, AS YOU INDICATED, JOHN, ONE OF YOU GUYS INDICATED, IS  
15 LOOKING TO BALANCE ITS BUDGET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH EVERY  
16 SOURCE OF REVENUE THEY CAN GET. ONE OF THEM IS THE 1115  
17 WAIVER. ONE OF THE REASONS WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SKEPTICAL OF  
18 THE STATE OR CONSTRUCTIVELY SUSPICIOUS OF THE STATE IS THAT  
19 THEY HAD THEIR AGENDA AND WE WERE NOT NECESSARILY PART OF  
20 THEIR AGENDA, EVEN THOUGH IT STRAINS MY CREDULITY TO  
21 UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DON'T SEE US AS A PARTNER. PARTNERS DON'T  
22 SELL PARTNERS DOWN THE RIVER. AND THAT'S THE WAY I'M FEELING  
23 ABOUT WHERE WE STAND NOW. AND THE WAIVER WAS THE BIGGEST CHUNK  
24 OF DOUGH. OUT OF THESE THREE LEGS OF THIS STOOL, THE WAIVER



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1 WAS THE BIGGEST AMOUNT, THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY, UPWARDS  
2 OF \$200 MILLION IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN?

3

4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE'VE ESTIMATED THAT PROBABLY THE BEST WE  
5 COULD DO IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS 150 MILLION A YEAR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OUT OF THE WAIVER. 150 MILLION OUT OF THE  
8 WAIVER ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND THEN ON THE F.M.A.P. IT WAS  
9 REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT. AND WE CAN'T GET THAT AS SUPERVISOR  
10 MOLINA SAID. THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE, THAT'S BEEN REDUCED  
11 NOW IF THIS LATEST DEAL GETS APPROVED, IT'S SOMEWHAT LESS THAN  
12 WE HAD BEFORE, ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THAT THE RETROACTIVITY  
13 PIECE MAY MAKE SOME OF THAT UP. SO WE'RE IN A VERY SERIOUS  
14 SITUATION. IT'S NOW JULY 27TH. WE'RE ONE MONTH INTO THE FISCAL  
15 YEAR. WE'VE GOT 11/12TH OF THE FISCAL YEAR REMAINING, AND WE  
16 HAVE SPENT IN THE FIRST 12TH OF THE FISCAL YEAR AS THOUGH ALL  
17 OF THESE ASSUMPTIONS WERE GOING TO COME TO PASS. AND TWO OF  
18 THE THREE, ONE OF THE THREE IS ALMOST CERTAIN NOT TO COME TO  
19 PASS. ONE OF THEM WE'LL SEE, THE PROVIDER FEE. AND THE WAIVER  
20 HAS GOT A BIG QUESTION MARK ON IT AS TO WHAT WE'RE GOING TO  
21 GET, WHAT FORM IT'S GOING TO COME IN, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
22 TO SPEND IN ORDER TO QUALIFY TO GET IT. IF IT'S IN THE  
23 INCENTIVE POOL. IT'S ALL KINDS OF QUESTION MARKS. AND THE TIME  
24 IS TICKING. AND I THINK WHAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID AND  
25 WHAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS SAID IS THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT IT. I



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1 THINK FIRST WE HAVE TO LEVEL WITH OURSELVES AS TO WHAT WE'RE  
2 GOING TO DO, ASSUMING WE DON'T HAVE A BIG ENOUGH-- WHAT ARE WE  
3 GOING TO DO IF THE REVENUE ISN'T LARGE ENOUGH TO PLUG OR  
4 LARGELY PLUG THE HOLE? AND IT'S INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT  
5 THAT'S GOING TO BE THE CASE. AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE AT SOME  
6 POINT SOON VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT THAT'S GOING TO MEAN. AND  
7 I THINK THE C.E.O. HAS DONE THAT IN TERMS OF PATIENTS, THE  
8 NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO SERVE AND THE NUMBER OF  
9 PATIENTS THAT ARE GOING TO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS AS A RESULT  
10 OF THIS. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO ADDRESS IT. WHAT FACILITIES  
11 ARE GOING TO CLOSE? WHAT KINDS OF FACILITIES ARE GOING TO  
12 CLOSE? SPECIFICALLY WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WE'RE NOT GOING  
13 TO BE ABLE TO BACKFILL THIS WITH COUNTY MONEY. IF WE DID, IT  
14 WOULD LAST PART OF A YEAR. WE CERTAINLY CAN'T BACKFILL FOR THE  
15 WAIVER AND THE PROVIDER FEE AND THE F.M.A.P.. SO THIS IS A  
16 SITUATION WHICH IS IN INCREASINGLY LOOKING LIKE IT'S IN FREE  
17 FALL WITHOUT A PARACHUTE. AND THAT MEANS WE'RE IN FREE FALL  
18 WITHOUT A PARACHUTE. AND THIS IS BEGINNING TO LOOK MORE AND  
19 MORE TO ME LIKE 2000 OR 2002 WHEN WE HAD ISSUES WITH THE  
20 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE. AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT COULD  
21 LOOK LIKE 1995 AGAIN IF THIS CONTINUES DOWN THIS TRAJECTORY,  
22 ALONG THIS TRAJECTORY. AND NONE OF US WANT TO LIVE THROUGH  
23 THAT AGAIN, WHAT WE WENT THROUGH IN 1995. AND THEN WE HAVE THE  
24 STATE ITSELF, WHICH HASN'T YET TAKEN ITS POUND OF FLESH OUT OF  
25 US ON ALL THE HUMAN SERVICE FRONTS. THE SO-CALLED REALIGNMENT,





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1 THE ONE THAT REALLY GOT TO ME WAS WHEN ONE OF THE LEADERS OF  
2 THE LEGISLATURE SAID THAT THE COUNTIES CAN MAKE UP THE  
3 DIFFERENCE, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO PAY FOR RE-ALIGNMENT DUE TO THE  
4 SAVINGS OF THE HEALTH REFORM. AND HERE WE ARE, WE'RE NOT  
5 TALKING ABOUT ANY SAVINGS. HEALTH REFORM DOESN'T KICK IN UNTIL  
6 2014. AND BETWEEN NOW AND 2014, I DON'T SEE A LOT OF SAVINGS.  
7 IN FACT BETWEEN THE TIME HEALTH REFORM PASSED AND JULY 27,  
8 2010, I DON'T SEE A LOT OF SAVINGS. ALL I SEE IS DEFICITS, AND  
9 GROWING DEFICITS. SO THE NOTION IN SACRAMENTO IF THAT'S THEIR  
10 IDEA OF REALIGNMENT AND THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO PAY FOR IT IS  
11 WITH SAVINGS THAT DON'T EXIST, THAT'S THE CLASSIC BAIT AND  
12 SWITCH.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE WON'T BE SAVINGS. THE  
15 SYSTEM WILL BREAK DOWN.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE SYSTEM IS BREAKING DOWN.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS WE GO, THE SYSTEM GOES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AN THAT'S THE KEY POINT, BILL. I THINK YOU  
22 MADE THE POINT. AND I THINK IT'S WORTH EMPHASIZING IS YOU  
23 CAN'T IGNORE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE HUMAN SERVICE FIELD OR  
24 IN THE HEALTH FIELD. YOU CAN'T IGNORE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
25 EXPECT THAT NOBODY ELSE WILL PAY THE PRICE. L.A. COUNTY IS A



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1 THIRD OF THE STATE'S HUMAN SERVICE LOAD. I WOULD IMAGINE IT'S  
2 APPROXIMATELY THAT WHEN IT COMES TO THE HEALTHCARE LOAD. IF  
3 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GOES DOWN, THE REST OF THE STATE  
4 GOES DOWN WITH US. TO PARAPHRASE METTERNICH, WHEN WE SNEEZE,  
5 THE REST OF THE STATE CATCHES A COLD. AND IF THE STATE GOES  
6 DOWN, WE KNOW WHAT THE LOAD IS THAT CALIFORNIA IS 20 TO 25  
7 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL LOAD. SO THE NATIONAL LOAD CAN'T HOLD  
8 UP UNDER A COLLAPSING CALIFORNIA. AND SO IT ALL STARTS HERE.  
9 SO I KNOW SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE A MOTION SHE'S GOING TO  
10 BRING IT IN AND I THINK WE NEED TO GET MORE SPECIFIC AND I  
11 THINK WE NEED TO BEGIN TO COMMUNICATE TO OUR FOLKS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS MY CONCERN IS AS WE DEVELOP THESE OPTIONS,  
14 BILL, ON POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS, THAT WE DON'T JUST LOOK AT--  
15 THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS BEING BANTERED ABOUT WHETHER WE CLOSE  
16 ONE FACILITY OR MULTIPLE FACILITIES, BUT COUNTYWIDE REDUCTIONS  
17 ACROSS-THE-BOARD THAT MIGHT HAVE TO GO VERSUS JUST LOOKING AT  
18 ONE FACILITY. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, HOPEFULLY WHEN ALL THIS  
19 COMES BACK, THAT WE HAVE ALL OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US BESIDES  
20 JUST A STRICT CLOSURE OF ONE FACILITY, BECAUSE THE NUMBERS ARE  
21 SO HUGE. IS THAT GOING TO BE THE CASE, YOU THINK? WE'RE  
22 LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF OPTIONS, IS THAT CORRECT?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE IT. AND IT WON'T BE RESTRICTED  
25 TO JUST THE FACILITIES WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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1 SERVICES. OUR FUNDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENTIRE HEALTHCARE  
2 SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY, BOTH INTERNAL TO OUR COUNTY BUT ALSO  
3 EXTERNAL, SPECIFICALLY OUR FUNDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
4 P.P.P.S COULD BE IMPACTED.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM  
7 WITH JUST INPATIENT REDUCTIONS.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO. THIS NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT ON A SYSTEM-  
10 WIDE BASIS, BUT AGAIN NOT JUST D.H.S. BUT THE HEALTHCARE  
11 SYSTEM AND THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** IT GOES BACK TO WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID.  
14 IT IMPACTS, YOU CAN'T IGNORE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHETHER IT IS  
15 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE RELATED TO HEALTHCARE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, THE POINT THAT I WANT TO  
18 MAKE RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO THIS ISSUE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE  
19 MATTER COMPREHENSIVELY, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WHATEVER EFFORTS  
20 WE ARE SETTING FORTH, THEY WOULD NECESSARILY INCLUDE OUR  
21 PARTNERS, OUR STRATEGIC ALLIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. MAKE  
22 REFERENCE TO P.P.P.S AND SO FORTH, THEY OBVIOUSLY ARE  
23 IMPACTED, EITHER DIRECTLY BY OUR DELIBERATIONS. AND MR.  
24 FUJIOKA, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THEIR ASSISTANCE  
25 STRATEGICALLY DEPLOYED OUGHT TO BE CALLED UPON AS WE SEEK TO



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1 IMPACT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN  
2 MAKING OUR CASE. I DO NOT KNOW THAT THAT HAS HAPPENED TO DATE.  
3 I WISH TO URGE THAT AS A PART OF OUR OVERALL STRATEGY TO MOVE  
4 FORWARD. THEY ARE IN THIS, ALSO. WE TALK ABOUT PUBLIC AND  
5 PRIVATE SECTOR PURSUITS. WE'VE GOT TO CALL ON THEM TO BE A  
6 PART OF OUR EFFORTS. I WOULD WANT TO AS CONSTRUCTIVELY AS  
7 POSSIBLE SUGGEST WE DO SO. MY SECOND COMMENT, MADAME CHAIR AND  
8 COLLEAGUES, IS AS FOLLOWS: THE DATA WE LOOK AT AND UNDERSTAND  
9 MAKES A COUPLE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE UNREIMBURSED ALLOCATIONS  
10 THAT HAPPEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BUT ARE NOT RECOUPED BY THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,. SPECIFICALLY, APPROXIMATELY  
12 8.2 MILLION TO PROBATION, AND APPROXIMATELY 37 MILLION TO THE  
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AS WE THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE TO DO IN  
14 BALANCING THE BUDGET AND MAKING RIGHT WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN WITH  
15 D.H.S., I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN THE REPORT DOES RETURN TO  
16 US, THAT WE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT IMPACTS THOSE HAVE  
17 AND HOW THEY ARE TO BE ADDRESSED. I'M MAKING REFERENCE TO THE  
18 UNREIMBURSED INSTANCES IN THOSE TWO DEPARTMENTS ALONE; THERE  
19 COULD BE OTHERS. BUT TO MR. FUJIOKA, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT  
20 THAT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE  
21 BEING RENDERED AND HOW THOSE TWO DEPARTMENTS HELP WITH RESPECT  
22 TO MAKING IT RIGHT FOR D.H.S. IF THERE'S A MOTION TO BE  
23 CONSIDERED, MADAME CHAIR, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU ARE GOING TO  
24 INTRODUCE, I'M GOING TO WANT TO ASK THAT THAT PARTICULAR POINT  
25 BE TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION AS AN AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** (OFF MIC.) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-'11, DUE  
3 OTHER PENDING ITEMS, INCLUDING THE D.H.S. FISCAL \_\_\_\_\_  
4 DEFICIT COULD BE AS HIGH AS 429 MILLION. IN ORDER TO ADDRESS  
5 THE DEFICIT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIALLY CUTTING SERVICES, D.H.S. IS  
6 PURSUING THREE REVENUE SOURCES: THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER WITH  
7 THE 150 PERCENT UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT LANGUAGE, SIX-MONTH  
8 EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY FEDERAL MATCHING ASSISTANCE  
9 PERCENTAGE KNOWN AS F.M.A.P., AND THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE.  
10 D.H.S. CURRENTLY PROVIDES PRIMARY, SPECIALTY INPATIENT  
11 EMERGENCY CARE SERVICE TO APPROXIMATELY 730,000 PATIENTS PER  
12 YEAR. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
13 SERVICES WILL HAVE TO SIGNIFICANTLY CURTAIL SERVICES TO THESE  
14 PATIENTS IF WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE SOME  
15 OR ALL OF THE REVENUE SOLUTIONS. CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT  
16 ESTIMATES THAT WITHOUT THESE SOLUTIONS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT  
17 TO SHRINK OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM BY UP TO 128,000 PATIENT DAYS  
18 AND 75,000 EMERGENCY VISITS. IN ADDITION, A REDUCTION WOULD BE  
19 REQUIRED OF D.H.S. AND P.P.P. AMBULATORY CARE SERVICE RANGING  
20 FROM 400,000 TO 1.8 MILLION VISITS THAT WOULD BE CUT.  
21 THEREFORE, OVERALL THE CURRENT POPULATION OF 730,000 WOULD  
22 HAVE TO BE REDUCED BY UP TO 420,000 PATIENTS THAT WE SERVE.  
23 THESE SERVICE REDUCTIONS WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR HIGH NEED  
24 CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS. THESE CUTS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY LIMIT  
25 OUR ABILITY TO TRANSFORM OUR HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND



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1 IMPLEMENT HEALTHCARE REFORM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AT A TIME WHEN  
2 WE SHOULD BE PREPARING FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM BY SHIFTING OUR  
3 FOCUS TO PRIMARY, SPECIALTY AND AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES, WE  
4 WILL INSTEAD CUT THESE SERVICES SIGNIFICANTLY WHICH WILL PUSH  
5 MORE AND MORE OF THESE PATIENTS INTO OUR OVERCROWDED EMERGENCY  
6 ROOMS. OUR STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS MUST BE AWARE OF THE  
7 DEVASTATING IMPACT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE ON OUR HEALTH CARE  
8 SYSTEM. ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IS OUR ABILITY TO ASSURE APPROVAL  
9 OF THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER, INCLUDING THE 150 PERCENT UPPER  
10 PAYMENT LIMIT BY THE AUGUST 31ST DEADLINE. SHOULD THE FEDERAL  
11 AND STATE GOVERNMENTS FAIL TO HELP THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
12 OBTAIN ESSENTIAL REVENUE STREAMS THROUGH THE WAIVER, PROVIDER  
13 FEE AND F.M.A.P. EXTENSIONS, THEN THIS BOARD MUST BE PREPARED  
14 TO IMPLEMENT THE CUTS. WE THEREFORE DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND  
15 D.H.S. TO PROVIDE A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF WHAT SPECIFIC CUTS  
16 MUST BE MADE TO OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IF THE AFFIRMATION  
17 REVENUE OPTIONS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE AND REPORT BACK IN 15 DAYS  
18 THIS SHOULD INCLUDE ANY AND ALL CUTS AND REDUCTIONS TO  
19 INPATIENT, P.P.P., SPECIALTY AND AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES  
20 COUNTYWIDE IN ORDER TO BALANCE D.H.S.'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR  
21 2010/2011. NOW, I KNOW THAT THAT'S A TOUGH, TOUGH UNDERTAKING  
22 IN THE NEXT 15 DAYS, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT  
23 WHAT THESE CUTS ARE GOING TO BE. AND I HOPE IT'S NOT AS, AS  
24 DON SAYS, JUST SAYING "OH ELIMINATE A HOSPITAL, ELIMINATE  
25 THAT." IT'S GOT TO BE MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE. I DON'T KNOW AT



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1 THE END OF THE DAY WHAT DECISIONS ARE GOING TO BE MADE AND HOW  
2 THEY'RE GOING TO BE MADE, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO START DEALING  
3 WITH THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION HERE. IT SEEMS THAT  
4 CERTAINLY THE STATE IS NOT INCLUDING US AGGRESSIVELY IN THEIR  
5 DISCUSSIONS ON THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER, AS AGGRESSIVELY AS  
6 WE'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED. AND OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT CONGRESS  
7 RIGHT NOW IS HAVING A HECK OF A PROBLEM ON SOME OF THE SIMPLE  
8 THINGS, THOUGH. WE HAVEN'T EVEN GIVEN THEM THE COMPLICATED  
9 THINGS. BUT THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE KIND OF IMPLICATIONS  
10 IT WILL HAVE ON OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. IT'S OVERCROWDED NOW.  
11 WE AREN'T MEETING ALL OF THE NEEDS OUT THERE NOW. WE NEED MANY  
12 MORE P.P.P.S TO REALLY HAVE ACCESS FOR EVERYONE WITHIN OUR  
13 COMMUNITY. AND YET AT THE SAME TIME WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS  
14 SHRINKING THE SYSTEM DOWN BY MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.  
15 AND I HOPE IT WILL BE DETAILED. NOT IN THE LEVEL THAT YOU'VE  
16 GIVEN ME UNDER THESE PROPOSED SAVINGS, THAT \$18 MILLION. I  
17 THINK THEY HAVE TO BE MUCH MORE SPECIFIC THAN WHAT YOU'RE  
18 DOING HERE. YOU KNOW, CUTTING OVERTIME IS NOT SPECIFIC. YOU  
19 NEED TO BE SPECIFIC AS TO WHAT IT IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CUT  
20 AND HOW MANY DOLLARS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN SAVINGS OVER THE  
21 REMAINING MONTHS. BECAUSE WHEN YOU IMPLEMENT THESE CUTS, IT  
22 WILL ONLY BE A 10-MONTH OR AN 8-MONTH CUT, YOU NEED TO LET US  
23 KNOW WHAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THE  
2   INTENT OF THE MOTION. I WOULD JUST SIMPLY ASK THAT THE POINT  
3   THAT I MADE ABOUT THE ISSUE OF REIMBURSEMENTS FROM OTHER  
4   DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR ANALYSIS BE MADE AVAILABLE AND WOULD OFFER  
5   THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE  
6   RECEIVING SERVICES FROM D.H.S. BE A PART OF THAT ANALYSIS SO  
7   THAT WE KNOW FULLY WHAT IT ENTAILS.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S ANY.

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11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I MADE REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF'S  
12   DEPARTMENT IN ONE INSTANCE TO BE SCORED AT 37 MILLION AND THE  
13   DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND ANOTHER INSTANCE AT APPROXIMATELY  
14   8.2 MILLION. ARE THERE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED TO  
15   OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT REMAIN UNREIMBURSED? IF SO, IT SEEMS TO  
16   ME THAT'S A PART OF THE PICTURE.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT TRUE? THEY'RE UNREIMBURSED?

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20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PRECISELY.

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22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE THEY UNREIMBURSED?

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24   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THERE ARE SOME-- SOME ARE REIMBURSED, SOME  
25   ARE UNREIMBURSED.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE NEED TO KNOW THOSE.

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4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE HAVE A BALANCE IN OUR PROVISION FOR  
5 BOTH DEPARTMENTS, THE SHERIFF AND THE PROBATION, THAT IS NOT  
6 REIMBURSED BY THEM.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL WE WANT TO KNOW ALL OF THAT.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF  
11 THOSE ITEMS THAT AREN'T REIMBURSED.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, NOT JUST THOSE.  
14 WE CITE THOSE AS EXAMPLES.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU HAVE FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AS  
17 WELL.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THOSE PENDING? OR THEY DON'T BELIEVE  
20 THEY ARE REIMBURSABLE FROM THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS? TALKING  
21 ABOUT THE SHERIFF AND THE PROBATION.

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23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** LET US GET YOU A REPORT ON THAT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SAID THEY REIMBURSED SOME BUT THEY ARE  
2   NOT REIMBURSING OTHERS. I WONDER IF THERE'S A PHILOSOPHICAL  
3   REASON THEY DON'T BELIEVE THEY OWE IT OR THEY OWE IT AND THEY  
4   HAVEN'T WRITTEN THE CHECK YET?

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6   **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** FOR THE MOST PART IT HAS TO DO WITH THE  
7   M.O.U.S THAT WE'VE HAD AND THE AGREEMENTS THAT WE'VE HAD AND  
8   THEN, AT LEAST IN THE PROBATION CASE. AND THE FACT THAT OUR  
9   COSTS HAVE GONE ABOVE THAT BECAUSE OF VARIOUS REQUESTS,  
10   BECAUSE OF VARIOUS NEEDS OUR COSTS HAVE GONE ABOVE THAT. IN  
11   THE CASE OF THE SHERIFF, IT HAS SOMEWHAT TO DO WITH THE CHOICE  
12   OF WHETHER TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THEIR FACILITY OR TO BRING  
13   THEM OVER TO L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. FOR SERVICES.

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15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT'S REAL MONEY NONETHELESS AND IT CAN  
18   BE SCORED IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE KNOW. AND IF THERE ARE OTHER  
19   DEPARTMENTS, I THINK THE BOARD WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IT AS  
20   WE EVALUATE THE GAP.

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22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS  
23   ITEM? TIMOTHY GALARNYK, CHAD HOUSEKNECHT, FOLLOWED BY E.T.  
24   SNELL AND ARNOLD SACHS. MR. GALARNYK IF YOU'D BEGIN?

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1     **TIMOTHY GALARNYK:** WHO IS TO BEGIN?

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3     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, YOU ARE. TIMOTHY?

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5     **TIMOTHY GALARNYK:** OH, GOOD, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. GOOD  
6     AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TIMOTHY GALARNYK, THE C.E.O. OF  
7     CONSTRUCTION RISK MANAGEMENT. BEFORE I BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO  
8     APPLAUD SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON THE INITIATIVE TO PROTECT THE  
9     CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I THINK THAT IS A FABULOUS,  
10    FABULOUS IDEA AND I HOPE THAT THAT IS RAPIDLY PASSED. BUT I DO  
11    HAVE THE PROVERBIAL BURR IN MY SADDLE. LISTENING NOW FOR THE  
12    LAST THREE HOURS, I UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ONLY THE COUNTY OF LOS  
13    ANGELES DOESN'T HAVE ANY CASH, THEY HAVE ACTUALLY A NEGATIVE  
14    AMOUNT OF CASH. SAME WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND ALSO  
15    WASHINGTON, D.C. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE LEADERS-- OR MAYBE  
16    THE LACK OF LEADERSHIP ON THE WASHINGTON LEVEL AND ON THE  
17    STATE LEVEL, I'M GOING TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
18    SUPERVISORS TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE INITIATIVE OF  
19    PROVIDING HEALTHCARE TO THE PEOPLE. IT WOULD BE EASY FOR US TO  
20    HAVE A POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT ASKING OUR CITIZENS NOT TO GET  
21    INJURED AND DON'T BECOME ILL. I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN OPTION.  
22    WE SPEND \$1.1 BILLION TO BUILD A HOSPITAL THAT IS TOO SMALL.  
23    IN SPITE OF THE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE WE RECEIVED, WE BUILT THE  
24    FACILITY THAT HAS 600 BEDS INSTEAD OF THE FACILITY THAT WAS  
25    REQUESTED BY THE DOCTORS AND THE NURSES AND THE MEDICAL



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1 PROFESSIONALS FOR MINIMUM OF 750 BEDS. NOW THAT IS WATER UNDER  
2 THE BRIDGE. HOWEVER, IT IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY THAT A  
3 MINIMUM OF 100 ACUTE CARE BEDS BE ADDED AND AT LEAST 50  
4 PRIMARY CARE BEDS BE ADDED AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALS.  
5 THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS SIMPLY A LIKE OR A DESIRE OR A  
6 WISH; THIS IS A NEED FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT  
7 HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS. THE AREA OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS  
8 TWO OF THE PRIMARY FABULOUS MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE WORLD. I  
9 THINK THE REST OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE  
10 ENTITLED TO THE SAME TYPE OF QUALITY CARE. THIS IS NOT  
11 SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAPPEN OR WOULD LIKE TO HAPPEN; THIS IS  
12 SOMETHING WHERE WE HAVE TO MAKE HAPPEN. AND IT HAS TO HAPPEN  
13 SOON. INSTEAD OF HIRING A CONSULTING FIRM TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
14 OR NOT THE FACILITIES ARE OVERCROWDED, I WILL PROVIDE YOU FREE  
15 INFORMATION: IT IS. TAKE THE EXISTING PLANS THAT WE USE FOR  
16 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING FACILITY, THE NEW ONE, AND  
17 LET'S GET A NEW ADDITION APPROVED AND IN GROUND AS QUICK AS  
18 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR.HOUSEKNECHT.

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22 **CHAD HOUSEKNECHT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHAD HOUSEKNECHT  
23 AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK REGARDING THE  
24 ISSUE OF THE SHORTAGES OF BEDS AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C.  
25 HOSPITAL. WHEN THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN BEFORE THIS BODY IN THE



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1 PAST, THE MAJORITY OF THIS BOARD HAS SHOWN EITHER POOR  
2 JUDGMENT OR RECEIVED POOR COUNSEL ON THIS ISSUE. WHATEVER  
3 MECHANISMS WERE USED IN THE PAST TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE  
4 SIZE OF A HOSPITAL FACILITY TO SERVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS WERE  
5 FAULTY AND BROUGHT THIS BOARD TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION. TO ERR  
6 IS HUMAN AND I DO NOT WISH TO CAST STONES; HOWEVER, I DO WISH  
7 TO OBSERVE THAT IF YOU KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING YOU'RE  
8 GOING TO KEEP GETTING WHAT YOU'RE GETTING. SO, PLEASE, TAKE A  
9 LONG HARD LOOK AT YOUR METHODS AND ASK YOURSELVES: WHAT CAN I  
10 DO DIFFERENTLY TO ENSURE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR MY CONSTITUENTS?  
11 THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S ARNOLD  
16 SACHS. WHEN I FIRST LOOKED AT THESE TWO ITEMS, I ACTUALLY WAS  
17 WONDERING WHAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN S-1 AND ITEM 22 WERE.  
18 AND IT ACTUALLY GOES HAND-IN-HAND, BUT THERE WAS SOME COMMENTS  
19 MADE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TALKED ABOUT THE 50 PERCENT OF THE  
20 UNINSURED. AND THE DISCUSSION GOING ON REGARDING THE GENTLEMAN  
21 TALKING ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE HOSPITAL THAT WAS BUILT, NOT  
22 MEETING THE NEEDS. AND YOU WERE LOOKING AT A BUDGET THAT FROM  
23 THE BACK END IS OVERLOADED BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT MEETING THE  
24 NEEDS. AGAIN, EMERGENCY ROOM CARE, THE MOST EXPENSIVE CARE  
25 THERE IS, SO YOU'VE LOOKED AT PUTTING PATIENTS IN OTHER



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1 HOSPITALS; AGAIN, WHAT ABOUT THE CLINICS THAT YOU CLOSED? YOU  
2 KNOW THAT AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION SCENARIO. THE VAN, THE DENTAL  
3 VAN THAT THE COUNTY HAS. NOT BEEN USED. PREVENTIVE CARE.  
4 THAT'S A MOBILE CLINIC. SO IF YOU WERE TO DO THE SAME  
5 SITUATION OR LOOK AT THE SAME SITUATION WHERE YOU MOBILIZE  
6 CLINICS OR YOU INVEST IN CLINICS, DOES THAT ELIMINATE PATIENTS  
7 SHOWING UP AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM IN NEED OF ACUTE CARE WHERE  
8 IF THEY GO TO A CLINIC AND THEY ARE SEEN BEFORE THE WOUNDS ARE  
9 FESTERING THE NEED TO EXPAND THE-- THE NEED TO EXPAND THE  
10 HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS OR TO PROVIDE THE EXCESSIVE BED CARE  
11 THAT YOU NEED TO PAY TO OUTSIDE HOSPITALS OR WITHIN THE COUNTY  
12 SYSTEM COULD BE ELIMINATED WITH RE-VISITING THE CLINICS THAT  
13 YOU CLOSE DOWN. BOTH THE GENTLEMEN THAT SPOKE SAID INITIATIVES  
14 AND PROGRAMS. BUT YOU'RE THE SUPERVISORS THAT HAVE BEEN IN  
15 POWER SINCE 1995. AND EARLIER. IF IT WAS PREVIOUS  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE-- ADMINISTRATIONS, WE COULD SAY WELL MAYBE THEY  
17 DIDN'T DO SOMETHING. MAYBE THEY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TOO  
18 LATE. MAYBE THEY DIDN'T. MAYBE NEW LEADERSHIP WOULD HELP. AND  
19 THERE'S THE KEY. MAYBE NEW LEADERSHIP WOULD HELP. CAN YOU SAY  
20 BELL GARDEN? OR CITY OF BELL? PEOPLE NEED TO PAY MORE  
21 ATTENTION TO A GOVERNANCE BOARD THAT IS IN CHARGE OF A \$22  
22 BILLION BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS.

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1 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE DO THE RIGHT  
2 THING FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE HEALTH AND THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE  
3 OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SNELL?

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7 **E. SNELL:** I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE CITY OF BELL.  
8 WHERE IS OUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT? MR. DEMERJIAN IS GOING TO  
9 PUT ME IN PRISON ON THE PHONY CHARGES? WHERE IS HE WHEN IT  
10 COMES TO THE BROWN ACT? WE DON'T HAVE HIM. YOU KNOW YOU NEED  
11 TO FIRE THAT DIRTY DAVE DEMERJIAN OVER THERE THAT RUNS YOUR  
12 PUBLIC INTEGRITY AND PUT SOME PUBLIC INTEGRITY BACK IN THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU KNOW, I MEAN I TOOK THE POLYGRAPH  
14 TO PROVE THAT I WAS INNOCENT WITH DIRTY DAVE DEMERJIAN AND PUT  
15 ME IN PRISON ON PHONY CHARGES. WHERE IS OUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY  
16 UNIT ON THE BROWN ACT? WHERE IS OUR PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT ON  
17 THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY OF BELL. THAT'S INSANE WHAT THOSE  
18 PEOPLE ARE DOING OUT THERE. I'M JUST TELLING YOU THAT WE HAVE  
19 A DIRTY PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT. MR. ANTONOVICH, I DO SALUTE YOU  
20 ON YOUR MOTION ABOUT THE CHILDREN. I WANT TO SAY, I PUT UP A  
21 WEBSITE, IT'S CALLED JUSTICE FOR JASON. WE HAVE A PEDOPHILE  
22 JUDGE IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY THAT STILL GETS MONEY IT'S ALL  
23 ON THE WEBSITE. IT'S JUSTICE NUMBER 4 JASON DOT COM. IT TALKS  
24 ABOUT THAT. SO IN YOUR SAFEGUARDS, MAKE SURE WE PROTECT THE  
25 CHILDREN SO THE JUDGES CAN'T TAKE THEM HOME, SODOMIZE THEM AND



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1 THEN GET AWAY WITH IT AND STILL GETTING COUNTY MONEY. I DID A  
2 RECALL ON IT, TOO. AS FOR YOUR HOSPITAL SITUATION HERE, DO YOU  
3 KNOW WHAT? GLORIA, DID YOU EVER THINK IT WOULD COME BACK TO  
4 ROOST WHEN YOU WERE STACKING THE COUNTY WITH ILLEGALS, WHEN  
5 YOU HAD ALL THE ILLEGALS STACKED IN THE FRONT ROOM IN YOUR  
6 FRONT ROW HERE WITH THEIR LITTLE INTERPRETING DEVICES BECAUSE  
7 THEY COULDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH? DID YOU EVER THINK IT WOULD COME  
8 BACK TO ROOST, GLORIA, THAT-- OH, I CAN. I GOT A CRAMP IN MY  
9 LEG IF YOU DON'T MIND, YOU KNOW. DID YOU EVER THINK IT WOULD  
10 COME BACK TO ROOST WITH ALL THE ILLEGALS THAT YOU'VE STACKED  
11 IN AND SUCKED FROM THE COUNTY? WHAT WE NEED TO DO ON THAT  
12 COUNTY THING IS WE NEED TO ABOLISH THESE CROOKED UNIONS. YOU  
13 GUYS KNOW WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE THE CUTS. WE NEED TO ABOLISH  
14 THE UNIONS AND ALL THEIR BENEFITS AND THEY HAD WE NEED TO  
15 ADAPT THE ARIZONA LAW. I MEAN IT'S ONLY, YOU KNOW, AND WHEN  
16 YOU'RE WAVING, YOU NEED TO WAVE GOODBYE TO THE ILLEGAL  
17 IMMIGRATION PROBLEM. THANK YOU FOR LEAVING, GLORIA, I SURE DO  
18 APPRECIATE THAT. BOY, MAN, YOU KNOW I'VE NOTICED, GLORIA, YOU  
19 BLEW UP LIKE A GOODYEAR BALLOON SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU,  
20 MAN.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WAIT JUST A SECOND.

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24 **E. SNELL:** I WILL STICK WITH THE ISSUE. THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT  
25 REDUCTION THAT ARE NEEDED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. WE'LL BE



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1 ABLE. AND WHO GETS THE AXE? WHO IS GOING TO TAKE THE AXE?  
2 THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW. WHO'S GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT? IS  
3 IT GOING TO BE THE ILLEGALTS THAT HAVE BASICALLY JUST TAKEN  
4 OUR ECONOMY. YOU TALK ABOUT 260,000 TO 420,000. IN ONE REPORT,  
5 THE ATTORNEY CALLS THEM INDIVIDUALS. IN ANOTHER REPORT HE  
6 CALLS THEM PATIENTS, YOU KNOW, 425 MILLION. WHERE ARE WE GOING  
7 TO GET THE MONEY TO STOP IT? AND, YOU KNOW, WHEN CARDINAL  
8 MAHONEY WERE HERE AND THEY WERE TAKING CATHOLIC CHARITIES,  
9 ANYBODY A CITIZEN OVER HERE COULDN'T GET IN THE CATHOLIC  
10 CHARITIES. YOU HAD TO SPEAK SPANISH TO GET PAST THE GIRLS AND  
11 THEY GAVE AWAY ALL THIS MONEY. SO WHEN YOU GUYS ARE GIVING  
12 MONEY TO ALL THESE ILLEGALS, I HAVE A HARD TIME WITH THAT.  
13 THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SNELL. ALL RIGHT. THAT  
16 CONCLUDES PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS. ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS A  
17 REPORT. SO WE DON'T HAVE-- WE DID HAVE THAT MOTION, THAT'S  
18 RIGHT. ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THE MOTION? ANY OBJECTIONS?  
19 IF NOT, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF  
20 THE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC COMMENT, IS THAT  
21 CORRECT? OH AND MY ADJOURNMENTS, THAT'S CORRECT. I DO HAVE AN  
22 ADJOURNMENT. I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
23 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF A COMMUNITY LEADER, IRVIN LAI. HE  
24 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. MR. LAI WAS AN  
25 OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN



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1 COMMUNITY. HE WAS A VITAL MEMBER OF THE CHINATOWN PUBLIC  
2 SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND THE ASIAN- AMERICAN EDUCATION  
3 COMMISSION. HE HELPED REVITALIZE AND EXPAND THE CHINESE  
4 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HE HELD A KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE  
5 CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MOST  
6 RECENTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE EAST SIDE GOLD LINE REVIEW  
7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR. LAI WAS A TENACIOUS ADVOCATE FOR  
8 ENSURING THE REMAINS OF THE ARTIFACTS UNCOVERED AT THE  
9 EVERGREEN CEMETERY DUE TO METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION WERE  
10 APPROPRIATELY MEMORIALIZED. HIS VIGILANT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF  
11 THE COMMIT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR  
12 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF HIS FRIENDS, HIS COLLEAGUES AND  
13 HIS FAMILY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE-- ALL MEMBERS.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. SO  
18 ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON HIS  
19 ADJOURNMENTS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO  
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WALDEMAR REINHOLD DRENKAHN BORN APRIL  
23 10, 1929 IN HAMBURG, GERMANY AND PASSED ON JULY 1, 2010 AT THE  
24 AGE OF 82. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1957 AFTER  
25 COMPLETING HIS SCHOOLING AND APPRENTICESHIP EDUCATION IN



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1 GERMANY. HE STARTED KONDOR PLASTICS CORPORATION WITH A  
2 BUSINESS PARTNER IN THE 1960S WHERE THEY DESIGNED AND BUILT  
3 MOLDS TO PRODUCE A RANGE OF PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BOTTLE CAPS  
4 FOR SASSOON SHAMPOO, WHAM-O FRISBEES AND MATTELL'S BARBIE  
5 DOLLS AND MORE. IN THE EARLY '80S, HE TRANSFERRED MANAGEMENT  
6 OF THE COMPANY TO HIS SON RICHARD. HE ENJOYED READING, BIKING,  
7 CAMPING, FISHING AND GARDENING. HE WAS KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY  
8 AMONGST FAMILY MEMBERS AS UNCLE WALD, AND REMEMBERED FOR BEING  
9 A WISE, DRIVEN, AND LOVING FATHER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
10 ANNIE, HIS SISTER IVY, HIS CHILDREN CHRISTINA, RICHARD,  
11 JEANETTE, YOLANDA AND JAIME AS WELL AS MICHELLE, A HOST OF  
12 GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS AND LOVING IN-LAWS WHO CARRY  
13 HIS SPIRIT AND LOVE WITH HIM FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. MISS  
14 ZELDA FAYE FISHER, BORN AUGUST 20TH, 1953 IN GRENADA,  
15 MISSISSIPPI AND PASSED ON JULY THE 18TH AT THE AGE OF 56. SHE  
16 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1976 AND COMPLETED HER BACHELOR  
17 AND MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP. SHE WAS  
18 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM  
19 1976 UNTIL HER PASSING. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NEW  
20 PHILADELPHIA A.M.E. CHURCH IN RANCHO DOMINGUEZ AND LOVED  
21 ATTENDING CHURCH AND TRAVELING WITH HER SISTERS. SHE HELD  
22 MEMBERSHIPS IN ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATORS OF LOS ANGELES AND  
23 THE COUNCIL OF BLACK ADMINISTRATORS. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED  
24 FOR HER INFECTIOUS SMILE AND LAUGH AS WELL AS HER SPIRIT OF  
25 GIVING AND PASSION FOR EDUCATION. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER



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1 MEMORY HER DAUGHTERS MYISHA AND JAMILA, FOUR SIBLINGS, A HOST  
2 OF NIECES, AND NEPHEWS AND A GODSON. JOYCE SUMBI, SHE PASSED  
3 ON JULY THE 17TH. SHE WAS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR SOME 32 YEARS.  
4 AND SHE SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR IN  
5 WEST REGION FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT. SHE RETIRED  
6 FROM THE COUNTY LIBRARY IN 1992. SHE WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
7 FOR SEVERAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS AT THE A.C. BILBREW  
8 LIBRARY. SHE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HER MANY ACTIVITIES IN THE  
9 LIBRARY COMMUNITY. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA  
10 LIBRARIAN'S BLACK CAUCUS, THE U.S.C. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND  
11 OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB. SHE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDING  
12 MEMBERS OF THE MAYOR'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
13 CELEBRATION AND THE LEIMERT PARK VILLAGE BOOK FAIR. SHE WILL  
14 BE REMEMBERED AS A MENTOR TO MANY LIBRARIANS THROUGHOUT THE  
15 COUNTY AND SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. AND, FINALLY, MADAME  
16 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, MRS. DOROTHY ELIZABETH WATSON, BORN ON  
17 JANUARY 4TH, 1910 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND PASSED ON JULY  
18 25TH, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 100. SHE LOCATED TO LOS ANGELES AT  
19 THE AGE OF SEVEN. SHE LIVED WITH HER FAMILY IN WATTS UNTIL HER  
20 GRADUATION FROM COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL, WHEN HER FAMILY RETURNED  
21 TO THE CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA. SHE WAS THE THIRD STUDENT TO  
22 ENROLL AT LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE WHEN IT OPENED IN 1929.  
23 AFTER RAISING HER CHILDREN AND PUTTING THEM THROUGH COLLEGE,  
24 SHE RETURNED TO GRADUATE IN 1958 WITH ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS,  
25 PATRICIA. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY



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1 BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR, BEGINNING AT A VERY YOUNG AGE AND SHE  
2 PERFORMED WITH THE HALL JOHNSON THEATER GROUP AS A FEATURED  
3 ACTRESS. SHE WORKED FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS A  
4 POSTAL CLERK AT THE TERMINAL ANNEX POST OFFICE FOR 33 YEARS.  
5 SHE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST  
6 CHURCH AND REMAINED AN ACTIVE MEMBER UNTIL HER HEALTH FAILED.  
7 SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL, AND SHE WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE  
8 STOVAHL FOUNDATION. SHE WAS A CAREGIVER, A LEADER, A COMMUNITY  
9 ACTIVIST AND A FORMER MEMBER OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY'S DOCENT  
10 BRIGADE. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER CHILDREN,  
11 CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE E. WATSON, WILLIAM WATSON AND PATRICIA  
12 BRADFORD WATSON, 14 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND  
13 FRIENDS AND A COMMUNITY WHO LOVED HER AND WHO CELEBRATES HER  
14 PASSING. I ASK ALL MEMBERS, THE MOTHER OF CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE  
15 E. WATSON. I THINK ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.  
16 THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. THANK  
19 YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IF I COULD HAVE  
20 CHONTEL ROLISON JOIN US, AND ELEAZAR WITRON, GLORIA SALGADO,  
21 AND DESTINY JACKSON IF THEY'D COME UP.,

22

23 **CHONTEL ROLISON:** MISS MOLINA, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU EVER SINCE  
24 I WAS--

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK UP JUST A LITTLE LOUDER? WE  
2    CAN BARELY HEAR YOU?

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4    **CHONTEL ROLISON:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? EVER SINCE I WAS THE AGE OF  
5    13, I'M GOING TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, THESE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE  
6    BEEN USING ME FOR A LONG TIME. I DON'T MIND HELPING PEOPLE IN  
7    THE INDUSTRY BECAUSE ON MY DAD'S SIDE THERE ARE MUSIC INDUSTRY  
8    PEOPLE. BUT I'M TIRED OF BEING USED BY FAMILY MEMBERS THAT  
9    JUST WANT TO STIFF ME EVERY TIME AND KEEP ME LIVING AT A LOW  
10    LEVEL IN LIFE. THERE IS NO REASON WHY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I  
11    SHOULD BE STRUGGLING. THESE FAMILY MEMBERS IN A 15-YEAR PERIOD  
12    HAVE STOLEN EVERYTHING WHEN I DID NOT KNOW THAT THEY WERE  
13    GIVING ME HANDOUTS, THEY CLAIM THAT THEY WERE GIVING THEM  
14    BEHIND MY BACK AND I NEVER KNEW ABOUT IT. THESE FAMILY MEMBERS  
15    JUST WANT HOUSING AS WELL HAVE BEEN USING ME. THEY WAS PUTTING  
16    THEM UP TO STEALING THINGS LIKE CLOTHING, FURNITURE WHEN THEY  
17    NEEDED A PLACE TO STAY I WOULD TAKE THEM IN AND THEY WOULD  
18    STEAL FROM ME. THE SAME THING WITH ANYTHING THAT I'M ENTITLED  
19    TO, INCLUDING MY KIDS, THESE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE CONJURED UP  
20    AND STOLE MY KIDS BECAUSE THEY FELT LIKE THEY CAN GET AWAY  
21    WITH IT BECAUSE THEY'RE CELEBRITIES AND THEY HAVE CROOKED  
22    LAWYERS AND ANYONE THAT'S IN DIRTY BUSINESS WORKING FOR THEM  
23    AGAINST ME. IN THE LAST 10 YEARS SINCE I'VE HAD HOUSING, I  
24    HAVE BEEN HARASSED. PEOPLE COME IN AND OUT MY PLACE WHEN I'M  
25    NOT THERE. JUST HUMILIATED. THEY BUILT UP MY OWN CITY WHERE I



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1 WAS RAISED IN IN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGAINST  
2 ME. THAT'S VERY EMBARRASSING TO ME. HE KEEPS SAYING IT'S  
3 BECAUSE I'M NOT HEALTHY. HE THOUGHT I HAD CANCER. HE THOUGHT I  
4 NEEDED A BONE MARROW. HE, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, ICE T IS  
5 NOT TELLING THE TRUTH. HE'S FRIENDS WITH MY BABY'S FATHER,  
6 PAUL HOGAN. AND IF I DIDN'T HAVE A CHILD BY PAUL HOGAN, I  
7 WOULDN'T BE IN THIS PREDICAMENT. ALL THESE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE  
8 IS ME STRUGGLE. THEY WANT TO TAKE THE RIGHTS TO ANYTHING THAT  
9 I HAVE. AND I'M TIRED OF IT. I'M NOT ENTITLED TO BE AROUND  
10 FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WANT TO CONTINUE TO HURT ME, SLANDER ME AND  
11 HINDER ME. IT'S TIME FOR MY KIDS TO COME HOME. MY BOYS, I KNOW  
12 THEY MISS ME. THEY'RE PUTTING MY KIDS UP TO DOING THINGS,  
13 SAYING LIKE YOU CAN'T SEE WHEN I DO SEE. FOR AN EXAMPLE LAST  
14 WEEK I TOOK MY DAUGHTER TWO PAIRS OF SANDALS BECAUSE SHE'S  
15 PREGNANT ALREADY BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT THEY'RE LIVING OFF OF  
16 ALL THE USING OUT OF ALL THE YEARS THEY'VE USED ME. SHE WON'T  
17 EVEN GO TO COLLEGE. SHE WON'T WORK. SHE WON'T DO ANYTHING.  
18 BECAUSE SHE KNOWS THE GAME THAT THEY'RE PLAYING. NOW, THEY  
19 TOLD HER, "DON'T EVEN CALL YOUR MOTHER AND SAY THANK YOU."  
20 THEIR WHOLE JOB IS TO FRUSTRATE ME NONSTOP. THESE PEOPLE  
21 WOULDN'T CARE IF I GOT SHOT, KILLED, THROWN IN THE TRASH CAN.  
22 THEY WOULDN'T CARE. BECAUSE THEY HAVE BUILT A SOCIETY WHICH IS  
23 CALLED PUBLIC ASSASSINATION AGAINST ME. AND I'M JUST TIRED OF  
24 IT.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS ROLISON. MR.  
2   WITRON?

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4   **ELEAZAR WITRON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME ELEAZAR WITRON I'M A  
5   COUNTY SECURITY OFFER AT THE INTERNAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. ONLY  
6   SECURITY OFFICERS ARE COMING TO THE VILLAGE TO IMPROVE THEIR  
7   LIVES WITH THEIR JOBS. ON JULY 13TH I SPOKE TO YOU ABOUT  
8   SECURITY OFFICER OUR FAMILY NEEDS TO SEND PAY OVER OUR  
9   HEALTHCARE. I TOLD YOU OF OUR AMBULANCE RIDE TO EMERGENCY ROOM  
10   THAT COST ME MORE THAN \$1,000 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE HEALTH  
11   INSURANCE. THE NEXT DAY, I WAS FIRED BY SECURITAS. I LOST MY  
12   JOB FOR SPEAKING UP ABOUT THE NEED TO IMPROVE SECURITY JOBS.  
13   FORTUNATELY, COUNTY SECURITY OFFICERS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER AND  
14   UNION OUR UNIT AND PUT ME BACK TO WORK. BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE  
15   LIKE THIS. SECURITY OFFICERS WHO KEEP LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE  
16   SHOULD HAVE QUALITY JOBS. AND WE SHOULD HAVE THE FREEDOM TO  
17   STAND UP BETTER JOBS WITH WITHOUT A FEAR OF THREAT,  
18   INTIMIDATION OR BEING FIRED. SECURITY OFFICERS ARE COUNTING ON  
19   L.A. BOARD SUPERVISORS TO TAKE SECURITY SERIOUSLY BY GIVE US  
20   THE RESULTS WE NEED TO BEST SERVE THE COUNTY AND TO TELL THE  
21   CONTRACTORS YOU HIRED SECURITAS NORTH AMERICA TO STOP  
22   VIOLATING OUR RIGHTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND HAVE A GOOD  
23   DAY.

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25   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS SALGADO?



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**GLORIA SALGADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLORIA SALGADO. I AM SECURITY OFFICER AT THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MED CENTER. I AM NOT ONLY A SECURITY OFFICER, BUT I AM MEMBER OF THE NEGOTIATION TEAM. SECURITY OFFICERS ARE FIRST RESPONDER WHO PROTECT COUNTY HOSPITAL MEDICAL FACILITY, COURT HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING. WE ARE COMING TO IMPROVE OUR JOBS. WE WANT TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR SECURITY CONTRACTORS BUT SECURITAS NORTH AMERICA HAVE NOT MET WITH US FEW TIMES. HE'S SAYING THEY ARE GOING AS SLOWLY AS POSSIBLE. MORE THAN ONE MONTH AGO, WE PROPOSED DECENT WAGES AND BENEFITS AND THEY HAVE NOT EVEN RESPONDED TO PROPOSAL. THIS IS VERY FRUSTRATING FOR ME AND MY COWORKERS. OUR SUPERVISORS HAVE TRIED TO INTIMIDATE, THREATEN AND SILENCE US. I HAVE FACED RETALIATION, EXAMPLE, FOR TALKING TO CO-WORKERS ABOUT THE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR JOBS AND KEEP THE COUNTY SAFE. PLEASE, THIS IS WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU AND YOUR CONTRACTORS TO GET SERIOUS AT THE BARGAINING TABLE AND START \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

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**SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. CAN I ASK LARRY DAVIS TO JOIN US? IVAN CROSBY AND JAVIER PACHECO? MISS JACKSON?

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**DESTINY JACKSON:** HI, I'M DESTINY JACKSON. I'M A SECURITY OFFICER FOR HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. IF YOU HAVE EVER

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1 BEEN TO HARBOR, THERE'S A MAIN ENTRANCE, THE E.R. ENTRANCE,  
2 THAT HAS A BROKEN DOOR. THIS BROKEN DOOR HAS EXPOSED PATIENT  
3 VISITORS, HOSPITAL STAFF, INCLUDING OUR SECURITY OFFICERS, TO  
4 EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS. WE HAVE NOTIFIED THE HOSPITAL  
5 SUPERVISORS AND THE SHERIFFS ABOUT IT BUT THEY REFUSE TO GET  
6 IT FIXED. JUST LAST-- ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, I WAS AT THE DOOR  
7 FOR A WHOLE EIGHT-HOUR SHIFT, AND AFTER MY SHIFT, I HAD AN  
8 ASTHMA ATTACK. WHEN I CAME BACK TO WORK, I NOTIFIED MY  
9 CAPTAIN. HE INFORMED ME THAT I HAVE TO DOUBLE UP ON MY  
10 CLOTHING UNDERNEATH MY UNIFORM. THE NEXT DAY, I HAD ANOTHER  
11 ASTHMA ATTACK AND ONE OF THE DOCTORS AND THE NURSES SEEN ME  
12 STRUGGLING TO BREATHE. THEY GAVE ME A BREATHING TREATMENT ON  
13 MY LUNCH BREAK, WHICH DID NOT HELP. AFTER MY SHIFT, SINCE I  
14 COULDN'T CALL OFF, I HAD TO STAY AT WORK DUE TO NO PAID SICK  
15 DAYS. SO AFTER MY SHIFT, I CAME BACK AND I CHECKED INTO THE  
16 E.R. I UNDERWENT TWO HOURS OF BREATHING TREATMENTS. I HAD TO  
17 STAY AT THE E.R. ALL THE WAY UP TO ALMOST 12 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT,  
18 WHICH MEANT I WAS AT THE HOSPITAL FOR MORE THAN 12 HOURS  
19 WORKING AND IN THE E.R. WE HAVE SECURITY OFFICERS, WE NEED  
20 PAID SICK DAYS FOR REASONS LIKE THIS. I HAVE MEDI-CAL, BUT  
21 OTHER SECURITY OFFICERS THAT END UP STAYING IN THE E.R., THEY  
22 DON'T HAVE MEDI-CAL, SO THEY WOULD HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL  
23 THEMSELVES, WHICH IS A HARD TIME SINCE WE DON'T HAVE PAID SICK  
24 DAYS. THEY END UP-- IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE. IT COMES UP TO BE  
25 \$1,000 FOR AN E.R. VISIT. THE WAGES THAT THE COUNTY SECURITY



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1 OFFICERS MAKE, WE NEED EVERY PENNY TO CARE FOR OUR FAMILIES.  
2 PAYING FOR EMERGENCY BILL LIKE THIS IS DEVASTATING TO OUR  
3 HOUSEHOLD. OUR JOBS ARE IMPORTANT, AND WE SHOULD BE RESPECTED  
4 WITH DECENT PAY AND HEALTHCARE AND SICK DAYS. WE NEED THE  
5 SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THANK  
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. DAVIS?

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10 **MARY DAVIS:** MY NAME IS MARY DAVIS. I WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
11 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. I HAVE BEEN WITH THEM FOR OVER 20  
12 YEARS. THIS IS CONCERNING HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT AT SOUTH  
13 WEST SPECIAL DISTRICT 08. I'VE BEEN A VICTIM OF SYSTEMATIC  
14 HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN. THIS ONGOING HOSTILITY AGAINST MY  
15 CHARACTER HAS ME CONCERNED FOR MY WELL-BEING. I'VE BEEN  
16 ACCUSED OF THREE VARIOUS AMBIGUOUS CHARGES INSIDE OF TWO  
17 WEEKS. THE CHARGES WERE IMPLIED AND I'M STILL NOT CLEAR ABOUT  
18 THE ALLEGATIONS. THEY WERE NOT ANY DETAILS AND STORIES OF THE  
19 INCIDENTS KEPT CHANGING. I FEEL THIS IS A RETALIATORY ACTION  
20 BETWEEN MY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AND A GROUP OF EMPLOYEES IN AN  
21 ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT ME. IN THE PAST, I HAVE HAD TO RESOLVE MY  
22 CONCERNS OUTSIDE OF MY DISTRICT BECAUSE ISSUES HAVE FAILED ON  
23 DEAF EARS. WHEN I HAVE ADDRESSED MY CONCERNS ABOUT AN ISSUE,  
24 IT'S ALWAYS BEEN PUT ON HOLD WITH THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR. I  
25 HAVE FOLLOWED THE CHAIN OF COMMAND PROCEDURES, BUT PROCESS HAS



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1 DELAYED AT THE DIRECTOR'S LEVEL. THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S  
2 STATEMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ME "I'LL GET BACK TO YOU" BUT  
3 NEVER KEEPS HER WORD. TIME IS PASSING, THE PROBLEM IS NOW A  
4 CANCER AND NO SOLUTION ON THE HORIZON. WHEN I GO TO THE NEXT  
5 LEVEL, I GET THE ISSUE RESOLVED, BUT I'M LATER PERSECUTED FOR  
6 PROTECTING MY WELL-BEING. NOW THIS PRESENT ALLEGATION IS  
7 SERIOUS AND I FEEL IT WOULD DESTROY NOT ONLY ME BUT MY CAREER.  
8 THE POLICY TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES IS NOW BEING USED AS A TOOL  
9 AND A WEAPON AGAINST TARGET EMPLOYEES BY ADMINISTRATION. THIS  
10 IS NOT AN ISOLATED INCIDENT OF HARASSMENT AND IT'S ONGOING  
11 THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. IT IS SAID THE GOAL IS TO FIRE  
12 2,000 EMPLOYEES SO THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY LAYOFFS. ALL THESE  
13 ACTIONS AGAINST ME HAVE BEEN FATAL, OVERWHELMING AND  
14 DISTRESSING TO ME. ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN GIVE ME IN THIS  
15 MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS MR. CROSBY NOT HERE? IS  
18 JAVIER PACHECO NOT HERE? HOW ABOUT ETHELL JOHNSON NOT HERE?  
19 COME ON UP. MARIA GARCIA HERE? WALTER BECKTEL, JOIN US. ARNOLD  
20 SACHS? BOBBY COOPER? MR. COPPER'S NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. AND  
21 E.T. SNELL. THAT'S THE LAST OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. MISS  
22 JOHNSON, PLEASE BEGIN.

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24 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** TO THE BOARD AND TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU,  
25 ALL MY FAVORITES. THIS IS MISS JOHNSON. I'M COMING TO THE





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1 BOARD THIS MORNING. I HEARD SO MANY THINGS. I WANT THEM TO SEE  
2 THIS COMPTON, SHARE. YEAH, I JUST BRING THINGS BACK TO YOU,  
3 DON'T I? MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WHERE I WENT IN THERE, IT  
4 WAS VERY NEAT AND CLEAN. THE FLOORS. WE DIDN'T WAIT VERY LONG.  
5 I'D SAY ABOUT MAYBE TWO HOURS OR SOMETHING. THAT'S NOT VERY  
6 BAD. BUT I THANK GOD FOR BEING HERE. NOW, I'M IN AN AREA OF  
7 DEPARTMENT 2, ALL FIVE DISTRICTS. AS I SAID BEFORE, MR.  
8 SKOZARSKY, MIKE ANTONOVICH, I'VE BEEN OVER IN HIS AREA, I JUST  
9 LEFT THERE. REMEMBER I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE COMMISSIONER THEY  
10 WANTED TO SORT OF LIKE GET WITH YOU. BUT THIS IS, I'M RUNNING  
11 INTO TWO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS. I'M RUNNING INTO MY, YOU GUYS  
12 ARE MINE, THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT IT. I GO TO COMPTON,  
13 RIGHT? AND THEY TAKE MY-- I WORK HARD TO GET A LITTLE VAN. AND  
14 THEY WAS GOING TO GIVE ME AT LEAST 30 DAYS TO REGISTER IT. I'M  
15 OUT ON THE STREET. I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO STAY RIGHT NOW.  
16 SECTION 8 SAYS THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE US SOMETHING, THEY NEVER  
17 DO. IF I DON'T FIGHT FOR NOTHING, I NEVER GET NOTHING, YOU  
18 KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? I'VE BEEN OVERSEAS IN THE GULF WAR. YOU  
19 KNOW, THIS IS JUST A LONG STORY. I'D RATHER JUST TYPE IT OUT  
20 AND GIVE IT TO YOU. I'VE BEEN INJURED. THEY TOOK MY CAR. AND I  
21 WENT TO COMPTON IN THE AREA I WAS JUST ABOUT RAISED IN AND I  
22 ASKED THEM DID THEY HAVE THIS LICENSE NUMBER? AND THEY SAID  
23 THEY DIDN'T KNOW IF THE CAR WAS THERE, THIS OR THAT, A WHOLE  
24 BUNCH OF OF THINGS GOING ON. I BELIEVE IN DOING BETTER. YOU  
25 KNOW? SOME OFFICERS ARE NICE TO US. WE'RE OUT THERE HOMELESS,



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1 ON THE TRACK. WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT WE'RE OUT THERE. WE  
2 DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GET A PLACE TO STAY RIGHT NOW. SO  
3 THEY TAKE MY VAN. I'M SLEEPING IN MY VAN. NOT BOTHERING  
4 NOBODY. AND PAWNED MY VAN WHILE I'M NOT THERE. SO I GO TO LOS  
5 ANGELES, LOS ANGELES SAYS, "WELL I'LL GET YOU A PLACE TO  
6 STAY." SO I GO DOWN TO WALL STREET, AND BE DETECTIVES. THEN I  
7 WENT TO THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. MISS JOHNSON?

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11 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** I JUST GOT TO TELL YOU THIS. SO MANY WOMEN  
12 THERE THAT'S HOMELESS, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? BUT THAT DAY  
13 I PARKED MY VAN SO THAT I COULD GO DOWN TO THE MISSION AND  
14 THANK THEM FOR LETTING ME HAVE A SHOWER, GIVING ME SOMETHING  
15 TO EAT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS JOHNSON, YOUR TIME IS UP. MR.  
18 BECKTEL, DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN? MR. BECKTEL, DO YOU WANT TO  
19 BEGIN?

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21 **WALTER BECKTEL:** YEAH, OKAY, OKAY. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL.  
22 I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. I KEEP HEARING YOU PEEL TALKING ABOUT  
23 HOW MUCH YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY FOR THIS AND MONEY FOR THAT,  
24 BUT EVERY TIME WE GO OUT THERE IN THE REAL WORLD, WE SEE YOU  
25 FUNDING MONEY, MORE MONEY FOR THIS AND MORE MONEY FOR THAT.



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1 AND YOU WANT TO-- WHEN WE RIDE THE BUSES OR WE GO TO RIDE THE  
2 BUSES, THERE ARE PEOPLE COMMITTING ALL KINDS OF NUISANCE  
3 CRIMES. IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT IF YOU NEED MONEY, WHY DON'T  
4 YOU DO SOMETHING WITH THE TOOLS THAT WE GAVE YOU TO MAKE MONEY  
5 WITH? I MEAN, JUST SOME OF YOUR OFFICERS WOULD EVEN BE AT THE  
6 TRAIN STATIONS OR ENFORCE ANYTHING AT ALL, GIVING A TICKET  
7 HERE AND THERE, THEN YOU WOULD INCREASE YOUR REVENUE. YOU NEED  
8 SOMETHING LIKE A QUOTA KIND OF A THING. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.  
9 ANY TIME I TURN AROUND, SOMEBODY IS VIOLATING THE LAW, THEY'VE  
10 GOT IT SET UP TO WHERE YOU CAN TAKE MONEY RIGHT OUT OF THEIR  
11 BANK ACCOUNT, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO-- THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE TO  
12 SHOW UP AT THE COURTROOM FOR SOME OF THESE MINOR OFFENSES.  
13 THEY'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING. THERE'S A RUMOR GOING ROUND, IT'S  
14 SO EASY TO MAKE MONEY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. ALL YOU'VE  
15 GOT TO DO IS BECOME A BUS DRIVER, BECOME AN OFFICER AND YOU  
16 DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING TO EARN YOUR PAY AT ALL. WE STAND  
17 OUT THERE. I STAND OUT THERE AT THE BUS STOP SOMETIMES AT  
18 NIGHT AND OTHER TIMES WAITING FOR A BUS TWO, THREE, FOUR BUSES  
19 ARE SUPPOSED TO COME BY. THEY DON'T EVEN COME BY. AND THEY'RE  
20 OFF AT THE JACK IN THE THE BOX OR THEY'RE OFF AT THE BOB'S BIG  
21 BOY AND THEY'RE HAVING A BIG PARTY. THE ONE BOB'S BIG BOY WAS  
22 SHUT DOWN BECAUSE THEY WERE FOUND OUT THAT THEY ALL DIDN'T  
23 BOTHER TO RUN THEIR BUSES, THEY WERE ALL HAVING A BIG PARTY AT  
24 THE BOB'S BIG BOY. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BOB'S BIG BOY,  
25 THEY JUST CHOSE THAT ONE PARTICULAR RESTAURANT. I THINK IF WE



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1 WOULD HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE ENFORCEMENT AND LESS DOTING ABOUT  
2 THE THINGS THAT'S GOING ON, THEN MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A LITTLE  
3 MORE MONEY HERE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVE ANY MONEY  
4 PROBLEMS. YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY FOR A NEW RAIL SYSTEM AND  
5 YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY TO FUND GETTING RID OF YOUR  
6 HOMELESS POPULATION. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE REAL  
7 SITUATION IS OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE  
8 MORE TRANSPARENT ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. BECAUSE THE  
9 FACT IS YOU HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY. IT'S JUST YOU'RE NOT TELLING  
10 THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THE MONEY. IT'S JUST  
11 GROSS MISMANAGEMENT AND WASTE.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BECKTEL. MR. SACHS?

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS. I  
16 DID WANT TO SPEND MY TWO MINUTES AND 50 SECONDS DISCUSSING  
17 SOME THINGS THAT OCCURRED AT LAST WEEK'S METRO M.T.A. BOARD  
18 MEETING. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO COMMENT. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN  
19 THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING THE METRO RAIL MARKETING ITS 25TH  
20 ANNIVERSARY AND IT'S WRITTEN BY DAN WEIKEL. HE QUOTES A COUPLE  
21 OF GENTLEMEN IN HERE. ONE IS TOM RUBIN WHO IS A VETERAN  
22 TRANSIT CONSULTANT AND FORMER CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE  
23 M.T.A.'S PREDECESSOR, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE L.A.C. TRANSIT  
24 AUTHORITY. AND ANOTHER GENTLEMAN THAT HE QUOTES, ANOTHER  
25 PROFESSOR AT COUNTY U.S.C., SHOULD BE AT COUNTY U.S.C.. U.S.C.



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1 AND THEY GO ON TO SAY THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT SOME OF THE METRO  
2 PROGRAMMING. SO I WONDER IF MR. RUBIN WOULD HAVE A COMMENT OR  
3 MAY BE ABLE TO CONTACT THE L.A. TIMES AND DISCUSS HIS COMMENTS  
4 REGARDING THE CHANGE IN THE BLUE LINE BECAUSE THEY TALK ABOUT  
5 HOW THIS TRANSIT PROGRAM WAS INITIATED IN 1985 SO THE BLUE  
6 LINE WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED FROM LONG BEACH TO PASADENA.  
7 WHAT HE CONSIDERS ABOUT THE CHANGE ENDING IT AT SEVENTH AND  
8 FIGUEROA AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW GOLD LINE AND THE YET  
9 TO BE CONSTRUCTED DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, WHICH WILL COST OVER A  
10 BILLION DOLLARS. IT STATES IN THIS ARTICLE THAT THE BLUE LINE  
11 WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM LONG BEACH TO DOWNTOWN L.A. WELL,  
12 CONSTRUCTED FOR ALMOST \$875 MILLION. SO FOR DOUBLING THAT  
13 PRICE, WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN FOR THE BUCK THEY WOULD  
14 HAVE GOTTEN THEN. BUT NOW WE HAVE TWO OTHER PROJECTS ADDING  
15 ALMOST \$2 BILLION TO THE COST. BUT ANOTHER THING THAT REALLY  
16 CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WAS AFTER THE MEETING I HAD A COUPLE OF  
17 PEOPLE DISCUSSING THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND THE  
18 WORK THEY WERE DOING. I THOUGHT, "GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION  
19 AUTHORITY? WAIT A MINUTE." M.T.A. ALLOCATED OVER \$600 MILLION  
20 TO THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THEY RAISED THE FARES  
21 BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH MONEY. THEY'RE ELIMINATING  
22 SERVICES BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING. YET THEY HAVE  
23 EMPLOYEES WORKING ON THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. HOW  
24 CAN THAT BE? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? WHO'S PAYING THESE  
25 EMPLOYEES? MAYBE IT'S PART OF THE PUBLIC PRIVATE FINANCING



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1 YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT. IT'S COMING OUT OF PRIVATE  
2 POCKETS. SO IF YOU'RE PAYING GOLD LINE EMPLOYEES TO WORK ON  
3 THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, MAYBE THAT'S EXCESS  
4 FUNDING. MAYBE THAT MONEY COULD BE PUT BACK INTO THE  
5 SCHEDULING. MAYBE YOU COULD BRING BACK MORE BUSES.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I JUST, MR. SACHS? MR. RUBIN WAS A FORMER  
12 FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE R.T.D. WHO WAS FIRED FOR  
13 MISMANAGEMENT. THANK YOU.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND HE ENDED UP AT U.S.C. IT SAYS A LOT ABOUT  
16 THAT SCHOOL.

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18 **E. SNELL:** OKAY, SUPERVISORS, I GUESS AFTER MY LAST COMMENT TO  
19 YOU, GLORIA, YOU HAVE A LOT SUPPORT HERE. I SEE THAT MR.  
20 FUJIOKA WAS MAKING SOME PRETTY BIZARRE COMMENTS TO ME. BUT  
21 THAT'S LAWYERS. YOU KNOW, THEY CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT. AND  
22 WHAT THEY'RE DOING RIGHT NOW IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MR.  
23 FUJIOKA, I'M SURE YOU DON'T REALLY CARE, JUST LIKE I WAS  
24 TELLING HIM I'VE BEEN TO PRISON TWICE ON PHONY CHARGES, MOLINA  
25 IS ALL IN THE MIDDLE OF IT AND ALL THAT STUFF. HE SAID, "YOU



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1 PROBABLY DESERVED TO BE." THAT'S THE KIND OF COUNTY COUNSEL WE  
2 HAVE. HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO CHANGE MY ATTITUDE WHEN WITH  
3 PEOPLE LIKE THAT AROUND. YOU KNOW, IN 1999, MR. ANTONOVICH,  
4 DR. SHIRLEY MOORE AND ATTORNEY FINE HAD APPROACHED YOU ABOUT  
5 THE 20 YEAR PRACTICE OF ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TOTALING NEARLY \$300  
6 MILLION AND WAS GIVEN WAS GIVEN TO JUDGES ILLEGALLY. THAT'S  
7 WHAT I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT TODAY. THE CALIFORNIA APPEALS COURT  
8 INVOLVING STURGEONS DECLARED THAT THE PAYMENTS WERE ILLEGAL.  
9 IS ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH STURGEONS? HELLO? MAYBE FAMILIAR WITH  
10 STURGEONS? AND I BELIEVE, IF YOU GUYS WOULD GIVE ME AN ANSWER,  
11 IF YOU COULD TELL ME, MR. FUJIOKA, IF YOU COULD TELL ME WHAT  
12 YOU PAY THE JUDGES UNDER MR. ANTONOVICH? MR. ANTONOVICH, WHAT  
13 LAW YOU PAY THE JUDGES UNDER? I THINK IT'S A 1977 RULING? I  
14 CAN'T THINK OF THE NAME. AND THEN WE HAVE THE 2010, THE U.S.  
15 SUPREME COURT, THE SKILLING CASE SOLIDIFIED THAT THEY WERE  
16 ILLEGAL PAYMENTS. THE SKILLING CASE TALKED ABOUT FAIR AND  
17 HONEST SERVICES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS. IT ALSO WENT TO  
18 ADDRESS BRIBES AND KICKBACKS. HAVING SAID THAT, THOSE ILLEGAL  
19 PAYMENTS MUST BE STOPPED AND STURGEONS SHOULD PREVAIL. I GOT A  
20 LITTLE BIT INVOLVED WITH THE FINE CASE. AND HIS QUESTION TO  
21 YOU, I ASKED HIM WHAT CAN I ASK THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS? HE SAID WELL, HE SAID, "MR. SNELL, WHY DON'T YOU  
23 ASK WHY THEY KEEP MAKING ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO THE JUDGES?" NOW  
24 THIS GUY WAS A U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE'S 70 YEARS OLD. THEY  
25 LOCK HIM UP 22 HOURS A DAY IN THE COUNTY JAIL. YOU KNOW, HE'S





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1 BEEN IN THERE 17 MONTHS. AND THE WHOLE THING ABOUT THE WHOLE  
2 THING, THE MOST GRIEVOUS ABOUT IT ALL WAS HOW JUDGE RON GEORGE  
3 PASSED THE S.B.S.-211. I MEAN THIS THING WAS BROUGHT IN ON  
4 FEBRUARY 9TH. GEORGE BROUGHT IT TO THE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO  
5 TEM ON THE NINTH. IT PASSED THE SENATE ON THE ASSEMBLY. IT  
6 WENT TO THE GOVERNOR THE NEXT DAY AND IT PASSED INTO LAW A  
7 MONTH LATER. GEE, I WISH WE COULD PASS SOME LAWS WE NEED  
8 AROUND HERE THAT QUICKLY. CONSEQUENTLY THE THING THAT'S  
9 PRETTY-- AND THEN JAFFE'S ADMITTED THAT HE LIED, JUDGE JAFFEY.  
10 SO I'M HOPING MR. RIDLEY- THOMAS, I'M HOPING THAT YOU, MR.  
11 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE THAT I DEEM ACTUALLY  
12 CARE ABOUT PEOPLE, WILL GET INVOLVED INTO THE FINE CASE AND  
13 LET ME INTERPRET WHAT I UNDERSTAND AND MY ASSOCIATION WITH IT  
14 AND STOP THESE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO THE JUDGES BECAUSE I  
15 BELIEVE THEY REALLY ARE IN THE FORM OF BRIBES AND THE MISUSE  
16 OF THE FUNDS. AND I BELIEVE IT'S A 1997 LAW THAT THE BOARD IS  
17 USING. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT--

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IF WE COULD HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
21 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
24 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
25 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1, CONFERENCE



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1 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSE TO YOUR  
2 LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ITEM  
3 NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS GRAND  
4 AVENUE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF  
5 THE BUNKER HILL URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AREA AND THE PARK,  
6 PARCEL AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
7 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
8 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16<sup>th</sup>  
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